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The Sweet By and By.

By and by, I murmured softly,
As I clasped my baby fair,
And the firelight flashed and sparkled,
On her face and soft brown hair,
While I pressed my darling closer,
Closer to my throbbing breast,
And with murmured words of blessing
Hushed her to her nightly rest.

By and by, I still kept humming,
Clasping close my baby girl,
Crowning with a mother's kisses
Rosy cheeks and brow of pearl;
Soft and low the sweet words floated
On the slumber-freighted air,
Till the song of love and blessing
Shaped itself into a prayer;—

As I traced my baby's footsteps
Onward through the coming years,
By and by I seem to see her
Crowned with woman's hopes and fears:
And I prayed, O, Tender Father!
Heed a mother's earnest cry;
Guide my darling, keep her safely,
In the coming by and by.

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Twilight shadows softly gather
Round me in my quiet room,
But the firelight's glow and sparkle
Scatter every thought of gloom;
And my trembling lips are murmuring,
Murmuring still the sweet old song,
Though the bright dreams of the future
All to by-gone days belong.

Empty is the baby's cradle,
Empty is the baby's chair,
And my vacant arms are reaching
Out into the empty air;
And I pray, O, Tender Father!
Heed a childless mother's cry;
Guide me safely to my darling,
In the longed-for by and by.

HIS UNCLE'S MEMORY.

It was a strange story, though a slight one; but then most of the stories of real life are strange. Margaret Ingalls had loved her husband. That was the one thing in the whole world of which she was sure. When she read stories and poems about love, as she did read them often—for she was a young creature, even in her widowhood—she always felt a little sympathetic thrill at her heart, and said to herself:

"That is how I loved John."

Yet the fact that she had loved John at all was a puzzle to the Ryefield people, who speculated about the matter as country people will. When they were married, John Ingalls, as everybody called him, was already 40 years old, and Margaret was only 17. Her father had left her to the "trusty guardianship of his good friend, Jonathan Ingalls," as he said in his will.

Ingalls settled the estate, looked into the girl's affairs a little, as in duty bound, and then, rather suddenly, asked her to marry him. She had grown up admiring John Ingalls. He was tall and handsome, full of strength and power; just the man for a romantic girl to make a hero of; and Margaret Fay was romantic to her very finger tips. Moreover, she had been brought up by her father since her mother's death, when she was too young to remember; and naturally, she shared all his likes and dislikes, and the strongest feeling he had in the world, next to his love for his daughter, was his attachment to his life-long friend, Jonathan Ingalls.

Ingalls had certainly not wooed his bride in any story-book fashion; but then she had felt that she could not expect that—he was so much older and wiser, and better than she in every way. He had talked to her very gently about her loneliness; and then he had said that he was lonely, too; and if such a thing were possible as that she could make up her mind to come home with him, and be his child wife, and live with him always, he would be very, very good to her. And then he added, with something that would have been shyness had he not been such a self-possessed man:

"You know, Margaret, that I am only two years younger than your father."

"As if that mattered!" she cried, with her brown eyes shining, and her cheeks glowing softly; "as if that mattered! You are you."

"That means that you will come to me!" he said; and then he took the two little fluttering hands she held out to him into his own, and gave her a kiss so like the ones her father used to give her at night and morning, that it brought the quick tears of memory into her gentle eyes. And so Margaret believed that she was in love, and that this tall, handsome man, who had been her admiration ever since she could remember, was her heart's lord, her knight, her hero, and a dozen other high sounding titles she had taken out of the story books. Her lover had said nothing to her about money, and she did not know whether she had much or little—she supposed a good deal, however, since, in her father's time, they had always lived freely and none of her wishes had ever been denied her.

They were married on a heavenly morning of early June, and it was the deep midsummer when they came home from their wedding journey, and the man of 40 led his girlish bride from the gate to the front door, up the long walk over which the pine trees met. It was just at twilight, and I think there is no hour so full of mystic solemnity as a midsummer twilight in the country. Pretty Margaret felt the strange spell of it as she stepped into the shadows of the pines. Her very heart stood still. It seemed to her that her destiny had taken ghostly shape and stood in front of her; and involuntarily she moved to one side, that she might not brush the phantom with her garments.

"This is home, little wife," said the kind, cheery voice of her husband, and the spell was broken. She went on then, cheerfully enough, into the stately old house, where one Jonathan Ingalls after another had lived and ruled ever since the Puritans had first settled Ryefield.

They lived there for one peaceful year—a very happy year to Margaret—though very quiet. She went on dreaming her own dreams, investing her rather silent, yet always tender lord with all the qualities of the heroes of her books, and honestly believing herself to be the very happiest little wife that ever the sun shone on. She half wondered sometimes that her happiness was so quiet—there were always tumults of one sort and another in the story books, but that must be because the course of her true love had run so smoothly, and John had none of the faults of temper the other heroes had.

It was midsummer again when the horse John had ridden away came home riderless; and John was brought afterward by some neighbors who had found him lying placidly upon the grass with no sign of injury about him, but a smile upon his face so full of light and joy that at first they thought he must be alive and then were frightened, as if such a smile on the face of the dead were unseemly.

The doctor came—the old village doctor, whose patients were to him almost like his children; and then it came out that both he and John Ingalls himself had known for some years that just this end was sure to come.

The family lawyer came, too—but that was after the funeral—and made Margaret understand that she was a rich young widow, since all her husband's estates were her's, unreservedly; and then she found out for the first time that her father had left no fortune at all behind him—absolutely not enough to pay his debts.

"What should I have done?" thought the poor little widow, "but for John?" She was scarcely more than 18 then—and she shivered as if she had felt a cold blast when she asked herself the question, for she had never known a want or care in her life and the thought of struggling with the world for her daily bread came to her with a sort of horror. If anything could have made her hero's memory more dear, it was the knowledge that his love had saved her forever from such a fate.

Her grief for him was not at all passionate, but it was very deep. She felt an intolerable aching want of him in her heart; or was it really the want, not so much of him, as of the love and tenderness to which he had accustomed her? Sometimes she felt like a little child whom its mother had left in a great desert. The child would stretch out imploring arms to its mother to come back, but those arms would welcome any kindly comer who would take it out of the awful lonliness. If a thought like that ever crossed Margaret's mind, she rejected it with hot indignation at herself. She would always mourn for John, always, always—John who had married her when she was utterly poor, utterly alone, and had made her life henceforth like that of a sheltered flower in a perpetual summer. She would be John's and John's only, till she died; and then heaven would be heaven, partly because she would so certainly find John waiting there for her.

One day, when John had been dead six months she beguiled the dreariness of a winter afternoon by looking over an old desk that had been his. She found some things that surprised her—one drawer in which was such a book as she did not know John cared about, an actual novel; and there were passages marked in this book—some heavily, some lightly, as if two people had read it together. And there was a deep, vivid red rose of long ago, which crumbled when she touched it; and its ghost seemed to come out and fill the room with a passionate, despairing fragrance. She wondered a little over this rose and this book, which had a drawer all to themselves; but she did not think much about them, because in another drawer she found a letter, and this, too, had a drawer quite to itself. On the outside of it was written:

For my child wife to read the day she is 21, if before that time I am dead, as I think will be the case."

Margaret took up the letter, and a strange thrill shook her, and she grew a little cold. It was as if John had reached out of his grave and touched her. She was so very lonely that she longed to read this message from him, and she questioned awhile with herself whether she might not do so. But she had almost superstitious dread of disobeying him in anything, and she shut the drawer hurriedly lest she should be tempted, and went away and sat down in the firelight. She began to think how very young she was—only eighteen and a half now—and it would be two years and a half more before she could even read that letter—oh! how many, many weary years, if she lived as long as most people do, before she could go to John! She must read his words after all; but no, ten thousand times no!—she would do his will, now that he was gone, even more sacredly than if he were alive.

She got up and went back to the desk. She took one look at the drawer where lay the crumbled red rose petals, with their dying, despairing scent; and then she looked at the letter—the very last words John could speak to her until she, too, was dead. Then resolutely she locked the desk, as one who would hold no further parley with temptation, and bringing the key away with her she threw it into the very heart of the burning coal fire.

When John had been dead two years, one of his nephews came home from the medical studies he had been completing in French and German hospitals. It was John's money that had sent him abroad, but Margaret did not know that until afterward; and John had arranged for him, when his studies should be completed, to come home to Ryefield and begin his medical career as partner of the old doctor, who had killed and cured so many generations of the Ryefield people that it seemed almost time that he should enter into his rest. The young fellow was another Jonathan Ingalls—though every one called him Jack—and it had been his uncle's dream that this younger John Ingalls should live after him in the old place, and keep up the old name there. That dream came to its end, however, when he himself married Margaret, and he left her all his possessions, as I have said, and absolutely unfettered as to their future disposition.

Naturally, when the young doctor came to Ryefield, he went to see his uncle's widow. She was 20 years old then—and a daintier, sweeter little lady had never been mistress of the stately old house in all the generations of Ingallses who had lived and died there. Dr. Jack found it impossible to regard her as his uncle's widow, though she still wore her unmitigated widow's mourning. He looked into her soft brown eyes, and watched the blush roses come and go in her fair young face, and he fell, at once and altogether, in love at first sight. He had realized just what his own symptoms meant, but he presently "diagnosed" the case, as he said, and he knew it was a mortal wound which his heart had received.

He tried to be very discreet, and not to shock his "rare, pale Margaret" by any too hasty demonstrations; but he actually haunted her in spite of himself, and she rather liked it, and began to think it was very nice to be an aunty by marriage to somebody.

He thought that in waiting from midsummer until the middle of winter before he asked her to marry him, he had shown himself a model of discretion. He had not prepared for the look of shocked surprise that dilated those soft eyes of hers when suddenly, one winter evening, he told her that he loved her, and asked her to be his wife. She just looked into his face with that sudden amazement in her own, and said with an air she tried to make very dignified indeed:

"It seems to me that you forget yourself strangely. I have some regard for your uncle's memory if you have none. I shall be Mrs. Jonathan Ingalls until I die."

"That's just what I have been hoping," cried wicked Jack; and suddenly his meaning and the quiet humor of his cool answer touched that chord in her that quivers between smiles and tears in all women, and she burst into a laugh that made her, a moment after hate herself and him.

"I am not laughing because I am pleased," she cried hotly, almost beginning to weep.

"No, I understand," said imperturable Jack; "you are laughing because you are displeased."

"Yes, I am displeased, and shocked and grieved; and I thought that you were a real friend and a relation, and now I know—"

"That I love you," put in Jack, "as I know nobody ever did before, and I don't believe ever will again; and I want you for my wife, to have and to hold, to love and to cherish, until death do us part."

"We will not wait for death to part us," she said with a quiet strength that astonished Jack more than any of her charms had ever done; and she rose and walked steadily out of the room, her long, black robes trailing behind her.

Jack stood still for a while in front of the fire. I believe he whistled. Perhaps he thought she would come back again, but if so he reckoned without his hostess. She waited quietly in her own room until she heard the front door shut. Then she knelt down and leaned her head against John's desk. She longed desperately to open it and read John's letter. She thought that to read the letter would be like having John take her into his arms and thank and bless her for being true to him when she had been tempted—yes, she owned to herself that she had been tempted just a little. But she had destroyed the key, and, after all, there was only six months to wait, and she must do John's will.

The next morning she sent Dr. Jack a very dignified little letter. It read:

DEAR JACK:—You will please not come here again until you are ready to forget what you said last night, and to respect your uncle's memory as you should. Your well wishing aunt.

MARGARET INGALLS.

His well wishing aunt! This time Jack whistled; there was no mistake about it. He put the letter in his pocket as if it had been a love token, and went off to make a round of medical visits, not one-half so melancholy as any woman would think he ought to have been under the circumstances.

Really it was very lonesome for Mistress Margaret the rest of the winter. But she never had more than a moment's temptation to recall Dr. Jack. "If he could trent her like that," she used to say to herself, "why, let him go!"

And somehow the winter wore away and the long, tedious New England spring—which is seldom spring at all—went by and then summer burst upon the world—all bloom and pomp and radiance. And with the June came Margaret's 21st birthday. She remembered when its morning dawned, the strange feeling she had had when Jonathan Ingalls led her home, under the pines, and destiny seemed to stand in front of her, in the very path, and bar her way. Again, this morning, she felt as if destiny and she were face to face.

She dressed swiftly and then she sent for a locksmith; and in five minutes more John's letter was in her hand.

She barred the door of her room. She sat down and broke the seal, and then she put her hand over her eyes and said a silent little prayer before she began to read. This was the letter:

MY LITTLE MARGARET: Other husbands have reached from out the very grave to draw closer the chain by which they held a beloved woman in bondage—I reach out of mine to set my child wife wholly free. You have never loved me, my Margaret, with your uttermost love; and perhaps you yourself will have found that out before this letter reaches you. Nor have I ever loved you as those lovers of whom your girl's heart has dreamed. I did love once, with all the passionate young heart of me; and she whom I loved died.

I never meant to marry any one else; when your father, my best friend, left you to my care, I knew no other way to care for you so well as to bring you home my wife. I should not have dared to take this responsibility, but I knew well, as Dr. Leland could tell you, that my life must be brief—a matter of months, perhaps—of two or three years at the very most; and so I ventured to take you and care for you tenderly, knowing that before your girl's heart was ready for the deep love of womanhood, I should have set you free.

When you read this you will be 21, young, beautiful, prosperous, with all the world before you where to choose. You have a nature unusually capable of happiness, and I predict for you very great happiness some day. When that day comes, be sure, my little Margaret, that if the happy dead can know the joys and sorrows of those they leave behind them here, we shall look down from our far place and bless you—she and I.

JOHN INGALLS.

Do you think Margaret's first thought a strange one? It broke from her lips in a happy little cry:

"Thank heaven, he never really, really loved me!"

I suppose she knew why she thanked heaven for that.

That afternoon she had dressed herself in a soft, simple white gown, that made her look more lovely and more girlish than ever. Her eyes were bright with some new, dear brightness and the fitful blush roses came and went in her cheeks more fitfully than ever. It was no wonder that the maid, who answered her summons when she rang the bell, looked at her in surprise when she said:

"I wish you would fetch the doctor. I don't mean the old doctor; bring Dr. Jack. Say I don't feel well."

"What is it, dear aunt?" said Jack, half an hour later, pretending to look at her anxiously. "Is it your head?"

"No, Jack, I think it's my heart. It's—it's this letter." And she put his uncle's letter into his hand.

And Jack read it and then he smiled; and then—for Jack was always over-bold—he bent his tall head and kissed her.

"Yes," he said; "I see how it is. And you shall be Mrs. Jonathan Ingalls until you die."—*Louise Chandler Moulton.*

A FOREIGN DRINK.

A few days since a stranger was eating dinner in an Idaho hotel, and beckoning a waiter to him said:—

"Bring me a glass of water."

"Sir?" And the nonplussed waiter looked at him curiously.

"Bring me a glass of water."

The waiter went out into the kitchen and soon returned and said:—

"Beg pardon, stranger, but that last order of yours has slipped my memory. What is it you want?"

"I—want—a—glass—of—water! Do you understand that?"

A bright idea struck the waiter and he rushed out to the bar. The bar-keeper looked over the labels on every bottle in the house, shook his head and said there wasn't a drop in stock. The waiter returned to the gentleman and reported, whereupon the latter roared out:

"You infernal idiot, don't you understand plain English? I want a glass of water—water to drink—and I want it —— quick."

In desperation the waiter hunted up the proprietor and told him the story. The landlord looked puzzled, and himself entered the dining-room and approached the stranger and said:

"Excuse me sir, but my waiter is a little hard of hearing. I will take your order."

"I ordered a glass of water. Nothing but straight water."

"I'm sorry," replied the landlord, "but I can't accommodate you. There is so little call for those foreign drinks here that it doesn't pay to keep 'em. We've got some Kentucky whisky in the bar if you can get along on that."

The stranger finished his meal in silence. —*Bismarck (Dak.) Tribune.*

HIS UNCULTIVATED VOICE.

During the evening they called on the professor, who entertained them by giving choice selections on the piano.

At last the young man who prided himself upon his voice, said:

"Professor, I've got the finest uncultivated baritone voice in this city."

"Ah," said the professor. "I'm delighted to hear it. Give us a song. I'll play the accompaniment."

The young man, nothing loth, approached the piano, selected a song, and proceeded to sing to the professor's accompaniment.

When the song was finished the singer inquired:

"Well, professor, don't you think my voice would improve with cultivation?"

"My dear sir," replied the professor, "cultivation wouldn't touch your voice. What your voice needs is plowing—plowing, sir. Nothing short of that will reach it."

Since then the voice of the singer has been silent. 'Twas too harrowing.

THE ENGLISH SPARROW AND ROBIN.

"Where did you come from so early?" said the English sparrow to a robin redbreast, one cold February morning.

"From a lovely orange grove in the South," replied the robin.

"Well! you had better have stayed there," said the sparrow: "we shall have more snow, and what will the robin do then, poor thing?"

"Look here!" said the robin, "I'm a natural born American, and won't stand any such airs from the foreigners;" and so saying, he attacked the sparrow so fiercely that his lordship was glad to slink away and hide his head under his wing, poor thing. "Well!" said the robin, after his declaration of independence, "I think I had better go back after all; it does seem rather stormy, and it's always best to take good advice, no matter if you don't like the way it is offered."—*St. Nicholas.*

Ah! if you knew what peace there is in an accepted sorrow.—*Madame Guyon.*

Dressed For Meeting.

See my pretty ruffled dress!
See my tiny locket!
'Spects I'm most a lady now,
'Cause I've got a pocket.
These down here are my new shoes
That I walk my feet in;
Course it wouldn't do to wear
Copper toes to meetin'.

See my picture hankerfust,
Sunday days I has it;
I can blow my nose in church
Most like papa does it.
Papa's hitchin' Jack and Gray,
An' they keep a-prancin';
Horses don't wear Sunday clothes—
They don't know they're dancin'.

Grandpa used to go with us,
Now he's gone to heaven!
Guess he's at the angel church,
Up where God is livin'.
I don't take no cake with me—
Never think of eatin',
Don't you want a nice clean kiss
'Fore we go to meetin'?

TO MARRIED WOMEN.

A writer in the New York *Mail and Express*, evidently a crusty bachelor, preaches us follows to married women:

Do remember that you are married to a man and not a god: be prepared for imperfections.

Do anticipate the discovery of your husband that you are "only a woman;" if you were not he would not care about you.

Do bear in mind that a popular preacher often has a wife; have some regard for her feelings.

Do, once in a way, let your husband have the last word; it will gratify him, and be no particular loss to you.

Do let the sun into your home; a man detests dark rooms, and his taste is of more importance than your carpets, curtains, or complexion.

Do be reasonable; it is a great deal to ask under some circumstances, but do try: reasonable women are rare—be rare.

Do resist your neighbor's encroachments.

Do refuse to tell your home worries to your closest friend; they are nobody's business but your own.

Do be dignified; keep your place and make your associates and dependents keep theirs.

Do remember that servants are made of the same material you are; a little coarser grained, perhaps, but the same in essentials; "one touch of nature makes the whole world kin."

Do respect their feelings and attachments; let the pretty parlor maid have her lover openly; she will have him anyway, and you may save her a lifelong misery.

Do forget your clothes as much as possible.

Do try and forget yourself; as for your husband, forget that you married him, and remember that he married you: he will then probably do the reverse.

Do, if a friend drops in occasionally, leave things just as they are. If the tidy is off the chair-back, what does it matter? A newspaper on the floor, even, is no absolute disgrace.

Do let your husband smoke if he wants to. You can easily accustom yourself to the smoke of his cigar, and it will keep him out of mischief and—quiet. If your curtains smell after it, let the air blow through the room.

Do let him read the newspaper at the breakfast table. It is unsociable, but then it is only a trifle, after all, and he likes it.

Do let him know more than you do once in a while. It keeps up his self-respect, and you will be none the worse for admitting that you are not actually infallible.

Do pay your servants regularly.

Do keep accounts; do live within your allowance; do, for the sake of everybody, yourself included, know exactly how much you have to spend, and save something out of it if you can.

Do date your letters.

Do have an open fire if you can manage it, and do have the hearth swept up every time coals are put on.

Do be courageous; do be self-respecting; do be a sensible woman, and not a mere inate creature, pretty to look at, and of no further use.

Do wear real jewelry or none at all.

Do read something better than novels or cook-books.

Do remember that the interest of life is not centered in your home circle; do familiarize yourself with outside events.

Do read something in the papers beside fashion notes and society columns; have some knowledge of what is going on in foreign countries.

Do be a companion to your husband, if he be a wise man; and if he is not, try to make him become your companion; raise his standard, do not let him lower yours.

Do respect your husband's predjudices; do respect his relations, especially his mother; she is not less his mother because she is your mother-in-law; she loved him before you did.

The Rev. Newman Hall is universally known in England as the author of the tract "Come to Jesus." Some time ago, it is related, he wrote a reply to some of his critics, and, having a good deal of "the old man Adam" in his natural make-up, used some pretty stinging language therein. Before publishing it he read it to his friend, the late Dr. Binney, and then said: "Now, doctor, I'm going to print it in tract form, and I want you to suggest a name for it." "Well," said the other, "while you were reading some of those hard hits at your enemies, it occurred to me that you ought to call it 'Go to the Devil,' by the author of 'Come to Jesus.'" Mr Hall saw the point, and didn't publish the tract at all.

Whoever strikes hard must prepare for the rebounder. If we criticise, we must not whine when we are criticised.

I have learned more of experimental religion since my little boy died than in all my life before.—*Bushnell.*

THE PRINCIPLE OF REST IN NATURE.

Throughout animated nature, a period of repose succeeds one of activity, both recurring in regular alternation. The vegetable world grows and blooms; then, for a season, all the vital processes stand still. Work brings weariness, which rest must dissipate. So it is with the tissues of the body; and the younger and more delicately organized they are, the sooner does toil exhaust them. Brain-matter is the most delicate of all tissues, and nearly one-third of the pure blood thrown out by the heart at each contraction goes to supply it. A tissue, when at work, has its blood-supply largely increased. When the mind is actively engaged in study, the circulation in the brain is full and active, the temperature is raised and even the face is flushed; and the more difficult the study, the more these effects are intensified. After a time the brain becomes so engorged with blood that its activity is depressed and its energies begin to flag. The younger the pupil is, the sooner does his mind grow tired. Between the ages of six and seven, the lessons should not succeed ten minutes' duration, as young children are unable to keep their attention fixed upon one subject for a greater length of time. It may be laid down as a safe rule that close mental application for an hour and a half will tire out the majority of pupils and leave them unfit and indisposed to proceed further without a relaxation of at least ten or fifteen minutes.

Here the forenoon recess is indicated—not, as some imagine, simply to kill time, but as a positive physical necessity, not for the pupil alone, but also for the teacher. The worry and mental strain of governing a roomful of nervous, restless children, and teaching at the same time no one can fully realize without actual experience.

How should recess be spent by the pupils? To reply to this, his physical condition must be considered. As the blood is contained in a series of closed vessels, it is evident that, if the circulation be increased in one portion it is correspondingly diminished in another. When the brain is engorged, some other portion of the economy must be under-supplied. By a wise provision of nature, the surplus is drawn from the tissue that is least active—in this case, from the muscular system. The indication is to relieve the congested brain, and this is best met by muscular exercise, as a tissue in action has its blood-supply largely increased. The muscular system is of considerable extent, and the exercise that brings the most muscle into action is the most beneficial.—*Dr. P. J. Higgins in Popular Science Monthly.*

A WESTERN DUCK STORY.

As the storm somewhat subsided last Monday, Quin Fletcher thought he would go out and see if he could kill a few of the ducks that, immediately after a snow storm, are found abundantly in the spring holes in different parts of the valley. Mounting his snow-shoes, he proceeded to the vicinity of the Hot Springs. As he was slipping along over five or six feet of snow, his eye on the lookout for game, he heard the distinct quack of a duck nearly beneath his feet. Surprised, he ran his snow-shoe pole into what appeared to be a cave. Immediately a big mallard flew out, which was then quickly knocked endwise with his pole. Another big duck then came, which he caught in his hands and wrung its neck. Then another popped out, which met the same fate; then another, until thirty-eight ducks lay dead at the hunter's feet. Being curious to know what sort of a place he had struck, Fletcher made a larger opening, and found that he was just above a large spring hole about twelve feet in diameter. The ducks, during the storm, had taken refuge there, it being protected by a bank on the windward side. The violent wind had drifted snow from the bank over the pool, forming at first a shelf and at last a complete roof, and the birds were seemely imprisoned. If Mr. Fletcher had not discovered their retreat, they would probably have starved to death before the sun released them from their curious confinement.—*Carson (Nev.) Appeal.*

TWO HANDS IN A MUFF.

A Middletown young lady, says the Hartford *Times*, never tires of relating an amusing occurrence of the sleighing season, last winter. She was enjoying a ride in company with two Hartford gentlemen and she was driving. One of the gentlemen slyly inserted a hand in her muff and lovingly pressed her disengaged hand. She blushed and withdrew it just as the gentleman on the other side slipped his hand in the muff. She knew by the action of her adorers that the hand pressures were frequent and loving within the silk lining of the muff, for first one face and then the other would bob forward to catch a look at the sweet face and eyes which prompted, as they supposed, the tender pressure of the hand. The by-play lasted until the young lady quietly remarked:

"If you gentlemen are through with my muff I would trouble you for it now, as my hands are getting cold." And the two gentlemen, who had been comfortably warm up to this time, suddenly felt an Artic chill creeping up their spinal columns, and the mercury of their feeling dropped to 180° below zero. The two gentlemen are strangers now.

An up river farmer and his boy were trudging up Main street this forenoon, taking in the sights with eyes and mouth wide open, when the elder, catching sight of the stuffed birds in a store window, stopped the boy so quickly that he nearly bit his tongue off, and exclaimed, "By gorry, sonny, see them petrified birds.—*Concord Monitor.*

A Rev. Mr. Kirkland of Texas is paid so poorly by his congregation that he works in a saw-mill during the week. A few who have heard him preach wish he would work in the saw-mill Sunday.—*New Orleans Picayune.*

The Journal.

FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 7, 1884.

ANOTHER member of the district police, George S. Willis of Pittsfield, has been removed by Gov. Robinson for inefficiency, and his place is given to M. H. Pease of Lee.

EVEN Boston has tired of the practically unrestricted sale of liquor in that city, and the city government has voted to nearly double the present license fees. This will drive a good many of the small fry out of the business, and make the bigger ones still bigger.

JUDGE LOWELL, of the United States circuit court for the first circuit, which includes this state, Maine, New Hampshire and Rhode Island, has resigned, to take effect May 1. He has held the office since 1878, prior to which he was judge of the district court for nearly 14 years.

H. S. HYDE of Springfield is for Senator Edmunds first, and for Arthur as second choice, for the next president, but thinks delegates should be sent to Chicago unpledged, "relying upon their patriotism and good judgment to do what is best for the interest of the whole people." It will be safe to send Mr. Hyde to Chicago on this platform.

THERE is to be another inquiry into the loss of the Jeannette, this time by the House committe on naval affairs. This investigation is based on the representations of Dr. D. T. Collins of Minneapolis, whose brother perished with De Long, and who alleges that the court of inquiry excluded important evidence bearing on the conduct of some of the survivors of the expedition. The investigation is mainly directed against Chief Engineer Melville.

THE resolve submitting the question of biennial elections and sessions to the people was defeated in the House on Tuesday, by a vote of 139 to 87—less than the necessary two-thirds in its favor. The conclusion seems inevitable that the opponents of the resolve do not seem to consider the people competent to determine this matter wisely; and this feeling would seem to be tolerably correct, as regards the people who will vote to send such men to the Legislature.

MASSACHUSETTS is to try the experiment of free text books and supplies in the public schools, it would seem, the Senate having passed by a decisive vote the House bill on the subject. With the peculiar and somewhat expensive notions of many teachers as to the necessary supplies for a scholar, and the burden imposed upon people poor in this world's goods in fitting out their children with these and the requisite books, the proposed system is at least worthy a trial.

THE Legislative committee on prisons made a careful examination of the Springfield jail yesterday, and will give a hearing at Boston next week on the question of ordering a new jail built. That something must be done soon is very evident. It will cost $150,000 or more to put up such a building as the county needs, and whether the present structure can be altered and enlarged so as to meet the requirements of the county for the next twenty years is a question which will undoubtedly be well ventilated at next week's hearing. If it can be, let's have it done; but if not, the sooner a new jail is started the better.

GOV. WALLER of Connecticut proposes to paddle his own canoe, and don't take any "back talk" from anybody because he may not paddle to suit them. Ex-Judge D. C. Birdsall of Westport, a prominent Democratic politician, and part owner of the Harford *Telegram*, visited the Governor in his private office Tuesday afternoon and began to threaten him with his editorial vengeance because of an objectionable appointment, whereupon the governor summoned his secretary and told him to put Birdsall out of the room. The affair has caused quite a sensation in the nutmeg state, but the general verdict is, "served him right."

THE United States inspectors who investigated the wreck of the City of Columbus hold Capt. Wright, the commander of the vessel, alone responsible for the disaster, and visit him with the severest penalty in their power, by revoking his license as master and pilot. They acknowledge his previous good record and his heroic efforts to save his passengers after the vessel had struck, but rightly consider this no palliation of his fatal mistake in leaving the vessel without any authorized pilot on duty for the two hours he was dozing in his room prior to the disaster. They dismiss the charges against the officers of the Glaucus for passing the wreck without offering assistance.

THE long-pending legal tender case came to an end on Monday, when the United States supreme court decided that the act of 1878, authorizing the reissue of the war greenbacks after being redeemed, was constitutional. The court holds that the United State is a nation, possessing all the functions of sovereignty exercised by other nations, and can issue treasury notes, which shall be legal tender for the payment of debts, whenever Congress deems it advisable to do so. This is a construction of the constitution so broad and liberal that many conservative minds will regard it with some alarm, and it may serve to put a little life into the defunct Greenback party; but there will be no disturbance in business circles because of the decision, the financial policy of the government being too well settled, and its condition too sound, to give reason for any uneasiness. Justice Field was the only member of the court who dissented from the opinion.

The people of Erie, Tenn., are much excited over the recent discovery of a cave containing gold, by a man who was out hunting. Over $50,000 worth of nuggets have been taken from it, and the town is rapidly filling up with strangers.

It is reported that the tomb of Abraham Lincoln at Springfield, Ill., is fast going to ruin. One corner of the monument has settled several inches, and two of the supporting arches have collapsed. It will cost some $4000 to repair it.

PALMER AND VICINITY.

For selectmen——?

March came in like a lion.

Lots of local news this week.

Lots of sleighs out yesterday.

A little more snow Wednesday.

Going to run for any town office?

Fine bracing weather the past week.

Gentle spring! Oh, what a hollow mockery.

Have we had the last cold snap of the season?

The modoc was three hours late Sunday morning.

Late trains were the rule on all the roads last Friday and Saturday.

The steppers were plenty and the trotting lively on Main street last Saturday afternoon.

The fiend who spoils the sleighing by putting coal ashes in the street is happy once more.

James A. Rumrill of the Boston & Albany road has been elected as director of the Union Pacific.

Rev. Mr. Hunter will lecture to young ladies at the Congregational church next Sunday evening.

It may safely be said that the man who took a ride with wheels last Sunday did not own a sleigh.

"Our Club" meets with Dr. O. P. Allen next Friday, and will discuss the "Life and Poems of Cowper."

M. Andrews has sold his house on the corner of Park and School streets to W. W. Converse for $3500.

M. W. French and wife left yesterday noon to join the Raymond excursion on a trip to Washington.

F. D. Barton of this place drew a fine wolf robe in the Odd Fellows' fair at Fitchburg last week.

The band is practicing diligently twice a week, and will no doubt give us some music during the coming season.

Dr. Simonsen, the chiropodist, leaves for Ware to-day, not having had a large patage here. He certainly came well recommended.

At the wire mill school Eugene Sikes, Herbert Sikes and George Sumner have been neither absent nor tardy during the past term.

In throwing snow balls at a passing driver yesterday morning, one was thrown through a pane of glass in the Cross Block billiard hall.

D. F. Holden, C. H. Keith and L. M. Tenney have been drawn as jurors for the coming term of the superior court at Springfield.

There is one consoling thought in connection with the muchness of snow—if you get upset while out riding you are sure of a soft landing place.

Are the temperance people awake to the fact that the question of license or no license in town for the coming year will be settled a week from next Monday?

The ladies of the Universalist society have postponed their sociable from Wednesday evening to this evening, when it will be held with Mrs. J. F. Holbrook on Main street.

The south store in Strong's new block has been rented to Springfield parties, who will soon open a tobacco and cigar store and billiard hall. No drinks of any kind will be sold.

Good music will be furnished at the skating rink next Saturday evening, and an orange race, in which there are several entries, will take place, and a good time may be expected by all.

The play "Nevada, or the Lost Mine," will be presented at Wales Hall on the evening of the 17th, and the reserved seats go on sale at the post-office next Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock.

The third and last Farmers' Institute will be held at the Weeks House next Tuesday. "Market Gardening" is the subject for discussion, and L. H. Chamberlain of West Brookfield will read an essay.

Through the kindness of E. L. Davis we sampled some apples last evening which were raised in 1882 by Dwight Maynard of Leverett, and were in splendid condition after their year and a half of keeping.

A party of young ladies from the trimming room of Gage & Reynold's hat shop, Monson, took a sleigh-ride to this place yesterday afternoon, stopping at the Nassowanno House, where they were entertained with a turkey supper and accompaniments.

The terms of Revs. C. H. Ricketts and T. J. Sullivan as members of the school committee expire this year, but there is little doubt that both will be reëlected, for they are valuable members of the board, and should be retained in the service of the town.

One of Landlord Weeks' famous turkey suppers was served to about 25 young ladies from Monson last evening, who came up for a sleigh-ride, and, believing in the "hen party," as it were, no gentlemen being allowed.

A petition is being circulated in town—to be presented with others to the Boston & Albany road—requesting it to discontinue the running of Sunday freight trains. The paper has been pretty freely signed by our citizens.

The livery men were rather chary in the matter of letting teams last Friday night and Saturday morning, and some persons who arrived in town and wished to be carried out into the country were obliged to wait until the roads were broken out.

In spite of the large amount of snow and the bad drifts, all who owned horses last Sunday made use of them, and the main roads were all pretty well patronized, care being taken, however, not to get off the regular highway, as on many of the back roads not even a single team had been through.

A number of our property owners neglected to clean the snow off their sidewalks after last week's storm, leaving the job for Old Sol to attend to. But the old fellow has not been out enough this week to do much in that line, and as a consequence those sidewalks are in anything but a comfortable condition to walk on.

On Tuesday the license men of this place received word from Stafford that a spotter was on his way to work the town. A sharp lookout was kept for him, and after he had visited several places he was met near the depots by George Griffin, who at once pitched into him, striking him two severe blows, and badly cutting his lip.

The Boston & Albany railroad does not propose to store baggage free for even a short length of time, and has issued instructions to baggage masters to collect storage charges on baggage remaining unclaimed after 24 hours from the time of its receipt, the charge being 25 cents for the first 24 hours, and 10 cents for each succeeding 24 hours or fraction thereof.

The stage from Southbridge which was due here last Friday morning, did not get in at all, and also failed to get through on Saturday. On Friday it was snowed in about a mile and a half the other side of Brimfield, and the driver came very near freezing. He was obliged to be taken down and carried into a house, where he suffered much from the effects of his experience.

The following are the names of scholars in the second primary school who have been neither absent nor tardy the past two terms: Fall term—Mabel Clark, Allie Hale, Maggie Murphy, Mamie McGuire, Flora Studley, Peter McGuire, Johnnie French, Edgar Duplissis, Neddie Gardner and Freddie Gunn. Winter term—Maud Kenerson, Bertha Conch, Bridget Murphy, Edgar Duplissis and Charles Waid.

We are constantly receiving kind words from our out-of-town subscribers, among which is the following from Saratoga Springs, N. Y.: "I appreciate very much the enlargement made in your paper about a year ago and the generally good appearance of it. It is a real live paper, and has more news in it, in a nut-shell, than both of our daily papers here. Long may it live and prosper."

From a Northampton paper we clip the following, which shows that W. H. Hitchcock of this place has come out first best in his tilt with the city fathers, and does not have to pay the $4 a day license which they attempted to charge him for his skating rink:

The proprietor of the skating school, now so called, seems to have skated clear around our city council and come in far ahead in the tournament. If what we hear on the street can be taken as the index of public sentiment, he has the sympathy of a large majority of our citizens. The young people are quite jubilant over it.

At the regular session of the probate court at Springfield on Tuesday, the following business for this section of the county was transacted:—Administration was granted on the estates of—Julia McGillicuddy, late of Palmer, Wm. Holbrook, administrator; Lorin A. Bliss, late of Monson, Helen F. Bliss, administratrix; Arba S. Thurber, late of Hampden, Allen O. Thurber, administrator. The will of Sarah S. Doane, late of Palmer, James G. Smith, executor, was approved, and Epaphro A. Day of Hampden was appointed guardian of Harriet Goodwill, insane.

For the most of the time during the past week the weather has been decidedly disagreeable, and taken altogether it has been the worst week of the whole winter. For six days, commencing last Friday, the thermometer was either down to zero, or within two degrees of it each morning. Last Friday, with its cold, cutting wind, was by all odds the worst day we have had, and Saturday was not much better, as the keen wind did not die down until Sunday. Monday was cold but pleasant, but Tuesday was windy and drear again. Wednesday the weather commenced to moderate a little, and yesterday was quite a warm and pleasant day.

There is little talk as yet about candidates for selectmen the coming year. A large proportion of the voters would doubtless be glad to continue the present board for another year, but Mr. Loomis does not want the office, and it is understood that Mr. Hastings will decline a reëlection. In this case the town would do well to elect E. G. Murdock for one member of the new board, as he has had experience and is well versed in town matters. There will be names enough in the field by town meeting day, and among possible candidates are A. L. Haynes, Jerre Buffington, Charles Smith, E. B. Gates, Enos Calkins and H. A. Northrop. It will be an easy matter to pick out a good board from this number, though it by no means exhausts the list of possible candidates. The liquor men are intending to push for the election of a board favorable to their interests, it is said.

DISTRICT COURT ITEMS.

March 3.—Joseph Thompson, for illegal liquor keeping was fined $50, and costs of $4.73; appealed.

March 5.—Graves Crafts, for the larceny of wood, was fined $5, and costs of $6.03; paid and discharged.

The case of Edward King for keeping a liquor nuisance was continued to next Monday.

THE TOWN REPORTS.

The annual report of the town officers will be ready for distribution the latter part of next week, and will be read with interest and satisfaction by the voters, for the town fathers give a good account of their stewardship. During the past year some five miles of highway have been hardened, and the selectmen think that if the same system of hardening is continued from year to year, we shall soon have as good roads as there are in the state. The expenses of the past year have been as follows: Support of poor, $3811; contingencies, $2534; highways, $3312; bridges, $706; railings, $204; new roads and land damages, $725; pest house, $853; sewer at Thorndike, $1998; sewer at Palmer, $3018; school house at Wire Mill, $2452; public library, $500; Grand Army, $100; repairing cemetery at Palmer, $54; total, $20,269. The appropriations amounted to $21,727, the expenditures being $1458 less than this sum. The claims against the town amount to $2800, while there is in the treasury $6268, and enough due from other sources to carry the total assets up to $8677, making a balance, in favor of the town, of $5877—an increase of $2752 over last year's balance.

The whole number of paupers on the town farm last year was 15, average number, 11. Number of tramps lodged during the year, 631. The following appropriations are recommended by the selectmen for the current year: Poor, $3500; highways, $3500; contingencies, $2500; bridges, $1500; railings, $500; interest, $115.

The school committee express themselves well satisfied with the year's work in the schools. The methods of instruction have been greatly improved by following the oral system more generally. The committee are unanimous in the feeling that more suitable accommodations for the high school are not only desirable, but necessary, the existing arrangement being inadequate and detrimental to the progress of the school. They recommend that land be purchased and a building erected for high school purposes, and make an urgent appeal to the voters to give the matter prompt attention. The voters should be thinking this question over the coming week, and the more they think of it the more must they be convinced that the committee are right, and that a high school building should be built the present year. The committee speak in detail of all the schools and teachers, commending and criticising and commending as the case may demand—a new feature which will commend itself to all who are interested in the welfare of the schools. The financial apart of the report is as follows: Expended for teachers' salaries, $3618; fuel, $849; care of houses, $558; repairs, $293; contingencies, $897; furnace at Thorndike, $200; salaries of committee, $600; total, $13,015, or $215 less than the appropriations. The committee recommend the following appropriations: Teachers, $10,000; fuel, $850; care of houses, $550; repairs, $500; contingencies, $900.

PALMER CENTER.

There was a dance at Mr. Hanson's last Monday evening.

George Converse had a finger caught in a gear at the mill at Thorndike last week Friday, badly mangling it.

BRIMFIELD.

Wm. Henry Shaw and Asa P. Blodgett have been drawn as grand jurors for the United States court at Boston, to attend March 18th, and Albert D. Thomas and Henry F. Brown as petit jurors for the same court to attend March 25th.

About 7 o'clock Monday morning the barn of Simon B. Ward was discovered to be on fire. The church bell was rung at once and was promptly responded to by the people, but the fire had made such progress that all efforts to save the building was futile. Loss about $500, insured in Merchants and Farmers' Insurance Co. of Worcester, for $200.

BELCHERTOWN.

Miss Kitty Porter, a high school scholar, has been perfect in attendance at the public schools for the past six years.

At the annual town meeting on Monday these officers for the coming year were elected:—Clerk, William B. Grover; selectmen, Loman A. Smith, Alvertus W. Morse and Ansel C. Shaw; assessors, William Barnett, George A. Keith and Frederick L. Stebbins; treasurer, Edward S. Bridgman; school committee, Merrick A. Morse for three years; trustee of Calvin Bridgman fund, William E. Bridgman for three years. The financial condition of the town is reported better than for many years before.

WALES.

Wood-drawers report over two feet of snow on a level in the woods. No big loads these days.

Owing to the severe storm of last Friday the dance at Royce's Hall was postponed until the 14th inst.

Snow drifts prevented the Holland milkman from coming to town last Friday, but on Saturday he made his appearance about two hours behind time; so the babies were quieted again.

The person who was seen to take a tin pail Tuesday evening from a pump in the upper part of the village is requested to return the same or call for the cover, which is useless without the pail.

WARREN.

All the schools will close next week.

Rev. Mr. Sanderson will lecture on temperance at the town hall Sunday evening.

The Pawnee Indians gave free exhibitions in Brigham hall several evenings during the week.

The ladies' home missionary society met at the house of Mrs. E. C. Morgan Wednesday evening.

The late Lucius Knowles of Worcester left the Warren library the sum of five thousand dollars.

The school in the village taught by Miss Moulton, has been taken by Miss Robins of Worcester. Miss Moury, successor of Miss Moulton having been obliged to leave on account of sickness.

There will be a town meeting next Tuesday to vote on the proposed addition to the high school building, as being the most practicable way if a new school house is to be built, and the committee on the school house recommend an addition of 65 feet by 36 feet, two stories high. As there seems to be a diversity of opinions, it is hoped there will be a full meeting and the matter thoroughly discussed.

BONDSVILLE.

Geo. Golden had a tumor successfully removed from his eye by Dr. Holbrook last Saturday.

The constable accused of "taking in" the fight a week ago last Monday morning, says it is false, as he did not do so.

The ladies of the M. E. church hold another of their very pleasant socials at the church vestry Wednesday afternoon and evening, under the management of Mrs. Whitney and Mrs. Fuller. Although the weather was unfavorable, there was a good attendance, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

They say our Belchertown neighbors on the opposite side of the river are well pleased with the results of last Monday's town meeting. They are pretty sure of a license and a new school house, the former they could possibly do without, but the latter they cannot much longer. They are to have a building with two rooms large enough to accommodate at least fifty scholars each. It will be a graded school. The location is yet undecided, but will probably be not far from the old Canterbury homestead.

NORTH WILBRAHAM.

W. L. Collins ran a free 'bus to the turkey supper at the Street Tuesday night.

It is expected that Cutler & Co's. mill will commence to run full time again next week.

There were 18 births, 33 marriages and 31 deaths in town during the past year.

Thomas Lyons, 12 years old, had his foot badly crushed in the elevator at the paper mill Monday.

Miss Alice Spicer has returned to her post at the telegraph office, after a few weeks' visit home.

Last Saturday three of the men at the paper mill engaged in a free fight, and have since been discharged.

On account of the heavy fall of snow this week, no freight was sent out from this station for two days.

The snow in the Glendale district drifted badly, necessitating a good deal of shoveling. In some places it was ten feet deep.

The S. of T. have introduced a new and interesting feature into the service for the good of the order, in shape of questions for debate, the first, which was hotly contested and decided in favor of the affirmative, was: "Resolved, that Prohibition is better than the present local option law."

The seventh annual meeting of Grace Chapel occurred last Saturday night. Phineas Knowlton, Hiram Danks and Henry Cutler were chosen trustees: E. H. Cutler, treasurer and collector; S. E. Baker, clerk; E. W. Wall, organist; Aggie W. Bruce, assistant. The receipts were $677, leaving $100 to apply on the debt of $250, after paying the expenses. It was voted to purchase a gas machine, to be put into use during the summer.

MONSON.

Not a mask-or-raid the past week.

Usual Saturday evening services at Newton's auction rooms at early candle light.

All the birds look blue at this season of the year, but they are not necessarily bluebirds.

Theophilus Jedowin, Jr., contemplates erecting a dwelling house on his vacant lot on Bridge street.

Flynt & Co. are pushing the foundation to the new memorial town hall as fast as the weather will allow.

Rev. Mr. Hammatt concludes his series of sermons on Faith next Sunday evening, his theme being "Faith in the Bible."

F. E. Morris and Gilbert Farrington have purchased Dr. Andrews' insurance business and will carry it on in partnership.

The scholars at the academy had a sleigh-ride to Belchertown Wednesday afternoon, with a supper at the Belcher House.

The sociable at the parlors of the Congregational church Wednesday evening was well attended and very pleasant.

That "there isn't a word of truth in half of the lies told now-a-days" is just beginning to dawn upon the daily gossips.

Eggs are plenty at 25 cents and the good sense of the housekeeper provides ham and eggs about three days in a week.

The fair held at the academy last Friday night by the senior class was a grand success, and about $50 was cleared for the class.

Arba Squier will build one or two cottage houses on the westerly side of Pease avenue near Hampden avenue the coming season.

Sarah Needham of Wales has rented the south store in Moore's block, and will open a spring assortment of late styles in the millinery line.

Rev. George S. Dickerman of Amherst will preach in the Congregational church next Sunday morning and evening, in exchange with Mr. Byington.

There is no truth in the rumor that the village improvement society have contracted for electric lights to be placed on the band stand and Rooster hill.

Business prospects for the coming season are usually fair, and plans for new buildings are being made, as well as contemplated repairs on existing ones.

The farmers have bought more hay thus far this season than heretofore, the dry season of last year and the recent cold winter contributing to the result.

The young people of the M. E. church will give a mum supper in the church vestry next Wednesday evening. Supper will be served from 6 to 8, followed by an entertainment.

The S. S. library at the Congregational church is to have a new addition this spring. The Bible readings Sunday evenings and general prayer meetings Thursday evenings are well attended.

The hotels and boarding houses were taxed to supply the wants of those working in the shops who could not get to their homes on account of the great depth of snow last Friday night.

W. K. Flynt contemplates making extensive additions and improvements on the house he recently purchased of E. F. Morris, and erect a neat, tasty and convenient barn in the rear of the lot.

It may be news to our citizens that the rates of fare from Palmer to Monson have been reduced. The regular stage charges 25 cents from one's house, but the railroad fare for the four miles is only 20 cents.

The many friends of Mr. D. G. Green will be glad to know that he is gradually, though slowly, improving from his late illness, and will probably be able the coming season to resume the active duties of his hitherto business life.

The husband of a prominent worker in all good and charitable undertakings says he hopes his wife will get the missionary sewing along as fast as possible, that some needed repairs on his garments may be attended to, so as to prevent his catching cold this severe weather.

At the meeting of the library association Monday evening these officers were chosen for the coming year: President, G. E. Fuller, M. D.; vice president, A. A. Gage; secretary, F. E. Morris; treasurer, S. F. Cushman; director for five years, Charles Fowler; auditor, E. F. Morris.

Rev. E. S. Best, who has faithfully served as pastor of the M. E. church the past two years, informed the members of the quarterly conference at its last session that he would prefer not to remain here another year. Mr. B. has many friends who would gladly have him and his family stay another year.

Thomas Stiles returned from Florida on Tuesday, having sold his real estate on advantageous terms. He brought home specimens of the oranges and lemons which were of good quality, and of extra large size; he reports Mr. Woodruff and Mr. Glynn as well and busily engaged in their market gardening, which will soon furnish the northern markets with early vegetables.

A young gentleman and lady started for a sleigh-ride the other evening. A huge drift appeared, and the horse after two or three enveloping plunges, kindly sat up and waited to be released from the sleigh, when he concluded to finish his journey alone. The waiting young lady found the breezes too demonstrative for her comfort, and walked home, impressed by the moisture of the evening.

G. W. Burdick has leased the Glynn wagon shop and secured the services of one of the best of Brattleboro's wagon makers, and intends manufacturing anything from a stone drag to a fashionable two-horse carriage. He proposes to do business at living rates for the public, and undoubtedly will have, as heretofore, that share of patronage which fair prices and thorough workmanship justly merit.

Names of scholars in the intermediate department of school No. 1 who have been neither absent nor tardy during the past term: Alice Park, Lulu Cummings, Nellie Stacy, Mary Connor, Willie Naughton, Willie Meacham, James Ryan, Susie Mixter, Minnie Smith, Helen Tucker, Fiske Bacon, Willie Burdick, Arthur Walker, Tinnie Coughlin and Charlie Marriott. The last seven mentioned have been perfect in attendance during the year.

That this place contains the champion mean man is shown by the following, which is vouched for: A woman whose husband had died after a sickness of three years, during which time he was unable to earn a cent, received, only a few days after his death, a request from his brother that she would settle her account. Upon inquiry she found that the amount of the bill was ten cents—three cents' worth of saltpeter, one yeast cake and a pair of shoe strings. As the brother-in-law was a man of property, and the woman had nothing at all, she naturally feels that he is about as mean and small as they make 'em.

It was rather laughable, how the bundles got mixed. He had bought a nice glove-fitting laundered shirt with collars, cuffs, and necktie of the latest style, a pair of undershirts and drawers, and left his bundle while he made an errand at the post office. On Sunday morning he opened it to find some nice edging, a pair of baby socks, little shoes, a bib, a rubber teething ring and almost a cut of sheeting; he didn't attend church, but Monday evening found the merchant anxious to exchange bundles. The young man has paid for nearly a box of cigars, and as his only comfort says its leap year and possibly some member of the goose party may take pity on him.

There is but little talk as yet of the forthcoming town meeting in April, and probably the reins of government will be as carefully, beneficially and economically handled in the future as in the past, whoever may hold the guiding power. The appropriation made for highways is reported as expended before the call for breaking out roads was made, so that more money than was estimated has been spent in that direction. It remains to be seen whether the town chooses a committee to direct how the highway money shall be expended, as last year, or whether the selectmen and surveyors are competent for the task as in former years. It is possible that the school committee may ask for more than last year's appropriation, and if they should suggest the propriety of building a new school house in the center it is not more than could be expected from the overcrowded state of the present rooms.

WARE AND VICINITY.

A successful liquor raid was made on Charles McGrath of East street this morning.

Rev. B. V. Stevenson's second lecture to young ladies will be given in the Unitarian church next Sunday evening.

W. J. Gates has given up his newspaper business, and the daily papers may now be found at Cutler's and Allen's.

The subject of Mr. Matthew's sermon next Sunday evening is "What is the Foundation of True Moral Character?"

Pastor Jean Syvret will preach in French Monday evening at 7.30 in the Unitarian church. Subject, "What is Salvation?"

We now have a resident veterinary surgeon, C. A. Weeks having located here. Orders may be left at the Delavan House for the present.

It has been reported for a fact that the Otis Company were to commence running on full time the first of this month, but it proved to be a false report.

About $85 was cleared at the Unitarian church turkey dinner and masquerade party, and still they gave every one their money's worth. That's the way to do it.

The ground is broken for the new skating rink, in the rear of Gilmore's stables. All sorts of reports are in circulation as to who is to have charge when completed.

As the result of the late religious interest at the Methodist church there were last Sunday two persons baptized, three received into full membership and nine on probation.

The severe snow storms of the past week have so blockaded the roads that some of them are almost impassible. In some cases they have been dug out several times, filling in as fast almost as they were opened.

The Livingstone Mission Band, young men connected with the East Congregational Sunday school, will give a reception at the chapel next Thursday evening. Supper will be served at 7.30 by waiters in costume, and an entertainment will follow.

The number of volumes in the library March 1, 1883, was 4950; number added during the year, 613; total, March 1, 1884, 5563. The accessions are divided as follows: Fiction and juvenile, 243; history, biography, geography and description, 134; philosophy, sociology and science, 71; literature, and general periodicals, 113; useful and fine arts and miscellaneous, 52. The circulation has been 20,627 volumes, divided as follows: Fiction and juvenile, 64 per cent; history, 14 per cent; periodicals, 10 per cent; general literature, arts and science, 12 per cent.

The overseers of poor report the total expense of support of poor at the farm $1318.13, with a credit of $531.30 for produce sold from the farm. The whole number at the farm at present is 12. The weekly cost of each inmate the past year has been $2.59. The inventory at the almshouse of hay, grain, provisions and live stock is $1330.57. The treasurer's report shows the receipts of the town $57,193.20, and the expenditures $52,374.50 leaving a balance on hand of $3818.70. The village improvement association has laid 3110 feet of concrete walk at a total cost of $1462.25, of which the town paid $500, the remainder having been paid by the abuttors and by subscription.

The annual reports of the several boards of town officers of the town of Ware for its one hundred and twenty-second municipal year, ending March 1st, is in the hands of the printer, and is expected to be ready for town meeting, one week from next Monday. Several new features have been added this year, so it is to be the most complete report the town has ever issued. In addition to the usual reports there are to be those of the board of health with their regulations; the town clerk giving the births, marriages and deaths, a summary of which was published in the JOURNAL some time since, and also a report of the chief engineer of the fire department, showing the number of fires, amount of insurance, and cause when known. There has been expended the past year for schools $10,911.37; library, $1187.44; salaries of town officers, $1389.71; street lights, $562.46; police, $1285.71; roads, $5122.50; paupers, $3867.64.

No license has worked well in Ware the past year. Many who heretofore thought liquor selling could best be controlled by license have changed their opinion, and, with a suitable board of selectmen, they would gladly see the same policy pursued for another year. Changing from one extreme to the other works very badly for many people. A settled policy in this matter would be beneficial to all. None can fail to see the importance of electing a board of selectmen who will see that the laws are enforced and obeyed, whether the town votes license or no-license. There were no complaints made of those licensed year before last, that they did not conduct their business according to law and to general satisfaction, and they have not attempted to sell the past year contrary to law so far as known. This speaks well for them if licenses must be granted for next year.

The high and grammar schools closed last week with rhetorical exercises at the high school. They were held on Friday evening, to which there was a large attendance. The following is the programme:

PART I.

A. Music, Bounding Billows. *Arr by W. W. Kenadey*
1. The Last Banquet, *Edward Rennid*
NELLIE RUGGLES.
2. The Irish Question, *Original*
BARTHOLOMEW MOYNIHAN.
3. Mary Garvin, *Whittier*
EMMA L. GOULD.
4. Mona's Waters, *Selection*
NETTIE C. BRIDGES.
5. The Spanish Duel, *J. F. Waller*
GEO. W. DENHAM.
6. Empress Josephine, *Original*
ANNA A. FENN.
7. The Littleness of Eminent Men, *Wm. H. DeShon*
HENRY N. FISHERDICK.
B. Music. Song, *Selected*
MR. EDWARD ATKINSON.

PART II.

A. Music, Softly parling glides the Brook, *Haydn*
1. Sir Walter Scott, *Original*
MINNIE E. WINSLOW.
2. The Engineer's Story, *Selection*
HARRY S. NYE.
3. Raphael, *Original*
SADIE L. NEWTON.
1. Zagonyi's Charge, *Selection*
GEORGE S. HALL.
5. The Little Hatchet, *Burlington Hawkeye*
JENNIE M. DENNIS.
6. The Sleeping Sentinel, *Francis DeHues Janvier*
ANNIE L. BILLS.
B. Music, Speed, Good Ship, *Selected*

THIS, THAT, AND THE OTHER.

A miss-take—running off with another fellow's girl.

Hopelessly in seine, the fish remarked when it got caught in the net.

He who cleaneth off his sidewalk is held in greater repute than he who droppeth much alms in the contribution box.

"Everything is lovely, and the goose hangs high," as the girl said when she had hung her fellow's picture on the wall and stepped back to admire it.

"You see I have good grounds for complaint," remarked the coffee when it boiled over. "Well, I'll soon settle your case," replied the fish skin, as it was dropped in.

Things one would rather have left unsaid: She—"I know this is your dance, but I hope you will excuse me, I am so tired." He—"Only too happy to do so, I assure you."

An exchange announces that star gazers will have an unusual opportunity this month, as Jupiter, Venus, Mars, Saturn and Uranus will be visible. Yes, but it will be awful bad weather to hang out on a gate, after the most approved method of star gazing.

Gov. Crittenden, of Missouri, in an interview with Patti, the famous prima donna, overcome by the impulse of the moment, actually kissed her; and from all accounts and her own version of the affair, Patti rather seemed to like it. Crittenden must have a big nerve and lots of cheek.

If you want to find out what kind of a disposition a man possesses, just watch him as he goes to work on his sidewalk after a snow storm. In the first place there is the man who don't shovel off his walk at all—you may safely set him down as one who will shirk all he can, and who will let you come after your wheelbarrow when he has borrowed it. Then there is the one who goes out to within six or eight feet of his neighbor's line with a narrow path—this man would go four squares out of his way rather than do you a favor. The one who is too particular not to get over the line and trespass on his neighbor's territory, who sights and squints and measures for fear that he will get beyond his own limit, is not much better—he would burn his fingers getting a penny out of Gehenna, and then beat a druggist out of sticking plaster to put on it. Last of all comes the man who clears off all the snow on his own walk, gets over ten or a dozen feet on his neighbor's, and then turns in and helps him, while they talk over the political situation—such a one is always good natured, happy, and is a fit subject to strike for a diver. The latter class is awful scarce, but a few still remain.

A CARD.—The family of E. S. Brooks desire to acknowledge the kindness of their friends and neighbors in their recent affliction, and to thank them for the same.

Palmer, March 6, 1884.

Early last Friday morning the large chemical works of Powers & Weightman, at Philadelphia, were burned. The night was a fearful one, and as the firemen had been out all night at other fires, but little could be done further than to prevent the fire from spreading. The loss is over $1,000,000.

SUGAR LOAF PARISH.—VII.

BY REV. MOSES K. CROSS.

"All success
Proves partial failure; all advance implies
What's left behind; all triumph, something crushed
At the chariot-wheels; all government some wrong."

"Is it so,
I said, my cousin? Is the world so bad?
While I hear nothing of it through the trees?
The world was not always *evil*,—but *so bad*!
So bad, Aurora."

Mrs. Browning.

At an adjourned meeting of the parish, held many weeks after the one referred to in last chapter, when the pastor was not present, and only a small majority of the members of the church were on hand, a resolution was introduced and passed, requesting the pastor to resign his charge, without giving any reasons for the request. This was conveyed to him by a special committee appointed for the purpose, and left to the adoption of decided measures on his part to expose the secret and open devices of his opposers, and to place matters before the church in a clear and correct ecclesiastical manner.

He took no public notice of the request, which was entirely out of order, inasmuch as the church should take action first, on a vital question of this kind; but after due deliberation called a meeting of the church and laid the case before them in a carefully written document of an hour's length. The members were nearly all present, male and female. The pastor, for once, at least, was cool and self-possessed, and made no violent assaults on any one; but simply rehearsed the facts in the case as they appeared to him. As he closed, he called on the church to testify, by a rising vote, upon whom, in their judgement, the responsibility rested for the unhappy state of things existing among them. One of the brethren seemed very nervous and anxious to speak, I thought, and opportunity was given him. "No," he said, "I don't want to speak; I want to vote." The vote was taken. The brother was on his feet instantly, and, looking over the room, said: "They are all up but one. I guess." This was not quite correct; but the vote was a very decisive one, and naturally a very gratifying one to the pastor.

After so clear and fair a vindication of his course by the church, it was hardly expected by them that they would be called immediately to unite with him in calling a mutual council to consider the question of his dismission from the pastoral charge. And the vote was at first against such a course. But, at the urgent plea and personal request of the pastor, it was finally carried. It seemed to him that the disturbing element had been so exposed as to be shorn of its power, in measure, at least, for another man; but, in his own impaired state of health, he did not feel that he could any longer bear the burden.

A council was called, and committees of the church and society were chosen to present the case. The council convened; and, after a patient hearing of the case, as presented by the pastor, and by the committees of the church and society, sought to reverse the decision of the pastor and persuade him to remain in the pastorate, but at length acceded to his fixed determination, and sundered the ecclesiastical tie, in the usual form.

Not without some sincere regrets, both among the people and on our own part, did we leave the scene of so many bitter trials. A single instance may be given here, which I copy from a volume on the shelf near me, presented by one of the young ladies of the parish: "Will my pastor please accept? Farewell! Farewell! 'Tis hard; but we must part. Yet we'll never forget you. May 12, '54. L. J. A." Of course I cannot fail to see many imperfections in my pastoral life, as well as among the people. More in sorrow than anger have these sketches been written, with no feeling of resentment, but only of kindness and charity for all.

After another year's rest in Amherst, in the spring of 1855, we bade the Old Bay State and many cherished friends, farewell, to enter upon a longer and more peaceful pastorate, in the young and growing state of Iowa. Any additional matter of this kind, if ever attempted, will be more appropriate in some other medium, farther in the west.

To the editor of the JOURNAL, for his generosity and kindness in publishing these sketches (necessarily of so personal a character as to seem egotistical to any but those well acquainted with the writer and his family) my sincere thanks are due. If any further apology were needful, I might find it, perhaps, in the words of England's laureate, in his *In Memoriam*:

I held it truth, with him who sings
To one clear harp in divers tones,
That men may rise on stepping-stones
Of their dead selves to higher things.

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I sometimes hold it half a sin
To put in words the grief I feel:
For words, like nature, half reveal
And half conceal the soul within.

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In words, like weeds, I'll wrap me o'er,
Like coarsest clothes against the cold;
But that large grief which these enfold
Is given in outline, and no more.

WATERLOO, Iowa, Feb. 1884.

Mrs. A. E. B. Haight has been convicted at Morrisville, N. Y., of murder in the first degree, and sentenced to be hanged April 18th. A year ago, while she and her husband were alone in their room at a hotel, he was shot through the head. She had been married twice before, and there were suspicions that her two former husbands, as well as her father, who had made a will in her favor, had been fully dealt with. Mr. Haight had $18,000 insurance on his life at the time of his death. When the jury, some of them with tears in their eyes, brought in the verdict, the prisoner sat unmoved, and seemed to be a hardened criminal.

Webster Gillet of Ypsilanti, Mich., has invented instruments by which he claims to be able to telephone any distance, and conversation was distinctly carried on between New York and Washington, a distance of 320 miles, last Saturday. The inventor expects to try his instruments on the Bennett-Mackay cable as soon as it is completed, and confidently expects to be able to talk across the Atlantic.

Engineer Melville of the Jeannette expedition says he expects to join the steamer Bear when it sails on the Greely relief expedition. He says that with all the dangers of Arctic navigation there is a fascination about it which he cannot give up, and he is ready and anxious to go again, and devote his time and life to northern exploration.

The Governor of North Carolina said to the Governor of South Carolina: "Sir, the best remedy in the world is Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup" and the latter seconded the assertion.

INGROWING TOE NAILS.—Read Dr. L. Simonsen's advertisement about toe nails, in this paper.

T. W. Gilbert the largest wall paper dealer in Springfield announces his spring styles in another column. He has novelties in wall paper that housekeepers should see.

BUNIONS!—Read Dr. L. Simonsen's advertisement about Bunions, in this paper.

"Morse's Central shoe store," 376 Main Street, Springfield, is proving to be more and more the place for out of town people to meet their friends, and shoe up at the same time.

C. N. Stimpson.

The piano and organ establishment of C. N. Stimpson at 336 Main street, Springfield, affords a striking example of progress and the success that persistent energy, industry, acquaintance with business and honorable dealing can accomplish. Mr. Stimpson began here about six years ago in a small way, but the conditions have now changed. The small store has developed into an establishment of three floors, and into a business which confers a commercial dignity upon the trade of the city. In the front part of the first floor is the very complete department of sheet music, in the center are the business offices, while in the rear is to be seen a large stock of square pianos. On the second floor are the grands and the uprights. Here is a fine exhibition of pianos of the most celebrated make and the most exquisite workmanship. The prevailing taste at present is for the uprights, and on this floor are found some of the most perfect and brilliant ever made. On the third floor there is a large stock of cabinet organs, second-hand pianos and an extensive repair department. All repairing is done under the immediate supervision of a practical workman. Besides all this Mr. Simpson has branch stores at Holyoke, Northampton, Greenfield and Westfield. He thus secures almost the entire trade of a large section of the Connecticut valley. For more than 35 years he has been engaged in the manufacture of piano-legs at Westfield, where he now employs more than 100 hands. This line of business has enabled him frequently to visit the factories of different piano-makers and to compare the stock and workmanship in each, thus qualifying him to judge of the merits of different instruments. Through his manufacturing business he has unusual facilities for obtaining piano-fortes at less than the usual prices. He deals in pianos and organs of all the leading makes, is familiar with the excellences and defects in their production, and is an eminently trustworthy and competent dealer. His salesmen are polite and reliable men. The Stimpson sisters, who have won great favor in musical circles as brilliant and accomplished pianists, are members of this family. One of these young women is a fine organist and violinist. And Mrs. Stimpson with her clear insight for business, has been a valuable assistant and has contributed not a little to the remarkable success of the concern. The principle on which the business of this house is conducted is that of honest dealing, full value of your money, and a strict adherence to every representation made.—*From the Springfield Republican.*

CORNS!—Read Dr. L. Simonsen's advertisement about Corns in this paper.

OH, YE OF LITTLE FAITH!—Rice & Co's Eclectic Liniment works like magic in the cure and certain relief of rheumatism, neuralgia, headache, croup, etc. Motto—No cure, no pay. For sale by GEO. L. HITCHCOCK, Palmer. 2

CHIROPODIST.—Dr. L. Simonsen, the Chiropodist from New York, now at the Nassowanno House, *will leave to-day* for Ware and remain several days at the Hampshire House. Ladies and gentlemen waiting their feet permanently cured should not fail to see him. Read his advertisement in this paper.

TRY RICE & CO'S ECLECTIC PILLS.—Purely vegetable, cathartic and cholagogue. No griping. Sure cure for liver, stomach, and all malarial diseases, Price 25 cents. For sale at C. E. BLEDD'S Drug Store, Ware. 2

MONSON.—Ladies and gentlemen in Monson and vicinity will have an opportunity to get skillful treatment on their feet. Dr. L. Simonsen, Chiropodist, from New York, *will leave here to-day* for Ware, and expects to be at the Monson House as soon as he gets through there. Read his advertisement in this paper.

As D. Burns, 409 Main street, Springfield, leaves for Rutland, Vt., April 1st, he will, on March 10, have an auction of parlor suits, chamber sets, bookcases, sideboard, tables, rattan chairs, bedsteads, mattresses. Private sales at auction prices in the meantime.

A FRIEND IN NEED IS A FRIEND INDEED.—This is an old and well-tried saying, and Rice & Co's Eclectic Liniment and Pills have been a friend indeed to relieve all pain. Motto—No cure, no pay. For sale by G. L. KEENEY, Druggist and Stationer, Monson. 2

Barnard & Co., Springfield, have just received a large invoice of black silks, including the celebrated make of Bellon, Bonnett, Guinet and Cutler which they sell lower than they have been for 20 years.

BUSINESS. An active business is carried on at Paine's Furniture Manufacturing Establishment in Boston. Their custom and retail trade now demands nearly the entire block of four acres in floor room. From this immense establishment thousands of homes are furnished at cost so much under the usual price that people come from a long distance and save money by it.

LOOK OUT FOR YOUR HEAD. No matter what parts it may finally affect, catarrh always starts in the head, and belongs to the head. There is no mystery about the origin of this direful disease. It begins in a neglected cold. One of the kind that is "sure to be better in a few days." Thousands of victims know how it is by sad experience. Ely's Cream Balm cures colds in the head and catarrh in all its stages. Not a snuff nor a liquid. Applied with the finger to the nostrils. 2w48

Oh, how beautiful it makes the complexion! For eruptions, Lady Camelia's Secret of Beauty is superior to soap or liniments. Price 50 cents. At Allen's Pharmacy. (3) 4w37

A Sensible Man Would Use

Kemp's Balsam for the Throat and Lungs. It is curing more cases of Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Bronchitis, Croup, and all throat and lung troubles, than any other medicine. The proprietor has authorized O. P. Allen to refund your money, if, after taking three-fourths of a bottle, relief is not obtained. Price 50 cents and One Dollar. Trial size free. 1y16eow

Cause and Effect.

At times symptoms of indigestion are present, uneasiness of the stomach, &c., a moisture like perspiration, producing itching at night, or when one is warm, cause the Piles. The effect is immediate relief upon the application of Dr. Bosanko's Pile Remedy, 50 cents, sold by G. L. Hitchcock, Palmer, G. L. Keeney, Monson, and C. E. Blood, Ware. eow16

Want of Faith.

If G. L. Hitchcock, Palmer, G. L. Keeney, Monson, and C. E. Blood, Ware, the druggists, do not succeed it is not for want of faith. They have such faith in Dr. Bosanko's Cough and Lung Syrup as a remedy for coughs, colds, consumption and lung affections, that they will give a bottle free to each and every one who is in need of a medicine of this kind. eow16

A Great Surprise

Is in store for all who use Kemp's Balsam for the throat and lungs, the great guaranteed remedy. Would you believe that it is sold on its merits, and that each druggist is authorized to refund your money by the proprietor of this wonderful remedy if it fails to cure you? O. P. Allen has secured the agency for it. Price 50 cents and $1. Trial size free. 1y16eow

Thousands are daily having freckles removed by a trial of Lady Camelia's Secret of Beauty. Price 50 cents, at Allen's Pharmacy. 1 4w y29

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The greatest medical wonder of the world. Warranted to speedily cure Burns, Bruises, Cuts, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Cancers, Piles Chilblains, Corns, Tetter, Chapped Hands, and all skin eruptions, guaranteed to cure in every instance or money refunded. 25 cents per box. For sale by G. L. Hitchcock. 1y32

Excited Thousands

All over the land are going into ecstacy over Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. Their unlooked for recovery by the timely use of this great life-saving remedy, causes them to go nearly wild in its praise. It is guaranteed to positively cure Severe Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Hay Fever, Bronchitis, Hoarseness, Loss of Voice, or any affection of the Throat and Lungs. Trial Bottles free at Geo. L. Hitchcock's Drug Store. Large size $1. 2

BORN.

At Palmer, 1st, a daughter to WILLIAM MASON.
At Wales, 28th ult., a daughter to GEO. G. WILLIAMS.
At West Warren, 27th ult., a son to WM. F. and ADDIE L. TAYLOR.

MARRIED.

At Palmer, 1st, by Rev. Pleasant Hunter, NELSON J. TRENCH and EDITH AMBLER.
At Palmer, 28th ult., by Rev. Pleasant Hunter, FRED E. SMITH and ANNA B. NICKERSON, both of Petersham, Vt.
At Boundsville, 24th ult., MORRIS MORIARTY and MARY GRIFFIN.

DIED.

At Palmer, 3d, MARTHA E., 41, wife of E. S. Brooks.
At the Monson Town Farm, of apoplexy, HENRY N. Corey, 49.

MONSON ACADEMY.

Spring Term of thirteen weeks will open March 19. GEO. A. CUMMINGS, M. A. Principal.
Monson, Mass., March 4, 1884. 2w49

FARM AND PERSONAL PROPERTY AT AUCTION AT BARRE.

Will be sold at Public Auction Friday, March 18, at 10 o'clock a. m., the John Sanderson Farm, situated one mile north of Barre Center, with stock, farming tools, etc. Twenty-five good dairy cows, with calf or with calves at their side. One yearling Dutch Bull, (a fine animal.) Also the usual assortment of Farming Tools. Terms, on Personal Property, cash or approved endorsed notes; on Real Estate, 5 per cent cash at time of sale, balance can remain on satisfactory security at 5 per cent interest. 2w49

CORNS!

CHIROPODIST.

Rich or poor without good feet you cannot enjoy life. L. SIMONSEN of New York, Surgeon Chiropodist, extracts and permanently cures corns, bunions, ingrowing nails, hard and soft corns, under or on the sides of the feet, from which many people suffer. Also boils on the instep or sores on the feet. All operations on the feet positively made without the slightest pain or blood, and immediate relief given and boots or shoes worn with comfort at once. No acids or medicines whatever applied to the feet. At the Hampshire House, Ware, for a few days only, commencing to-day. Consultation and examination free. Charges reasonable, don't fail to call at once before it is too late. Will examine your feet and tell you the LOWEST PRICE I can treat you for.

NOTICE! In the office of the Nassowanno House are letters from the most prominent people of the United States of America. Please go and look at them.

NOTICE! Dr. S. has no agents whatever. Can only be seen at the hotel, or apply by letter. Send for circulars free.

BUY THE BEST.

THE EASY RUNNING

Household Sewing Machine,

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TOWN WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

HAMPDEN, ss.—To H. A. Northrop, Constable of the Town of Palmer, Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the town of Palmer qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet at the Town House in said Palmer, on Monday, the 17th day of March next, at ten o'clock, a. m., to act on the following articles, viz:

Article 1.—To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2.—To determine the number of Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Assessors, School Committee, and Constables the town will elect for the ensuing year.

Art. 3.—To act upon the reports of the Selectmen, School Committee, and other town officers.

Art. 4.—To see if the town will vote to determine the compensation of the Collector of taxes for the ensuing year.

Art. 5.—To see if the town will allow a discount upon the taxes that may be assessed for the ensuing year.

Art. 6.—To determine the manner the town will take to collect the taxes that may be assessed for the ensuing year, and state the terms and conditions of the same.

Art. 7.—To elect all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

Art. 8.—To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the current expenses of the town for the ensuing year, and appropriate money for the same.

Art. 9.—To see if the town will authorize its treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the taxes for the current year, the same to be paid from said taxes.

Art. 10.—To determine the manner of repairing the highways and bridges for the ensuing year.

Art. 11.—To see if the town will continue to hire the rooms now occupied for a lockup and tramp room.

Art. 12.—To vote by ballot, which shall be, "yes" or "no," according to provisions of Chapter 51 of acts of 1881, in answer to the question, "Shall licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors be granted in this town?"

Art. 13.—To see what action the town will take in regard to choosing a board of health.

Art. 14.—To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as revised by the Selectmen.

Art. 15.—To hear reports of committees and act thereon.

Art. 16.—To choose committees and give them instructions.

Art. 17.—To see if the town will make an appropriation for the benefit of the Young Men's Library Association.

Art. 18.—To see if the town will raise money for celebration of Decoration Day, or toward building a Soldiers' monument, and appropriate money for the same.

Art. 19.—To see if the town will accept of the provisions of Chapter 158, acts of 1871, being entitled, An act to provide for the selection of road commissioners.

Art. 20.—To see if the town will vote to pay Austin Woodard, Jr., the sum of Five Hundred dollars in settlement of claim for damages for injuries received through a defect in the highway in November 1882.

Art. 21.—To see if the town will increase the number of the committee on Town History.

Art. 22.—To see what action the town will take in regard to letting private families enter the sewers in town.

Art. 23.—To see what action the town will take in relation to draining Church and Pleasant streets in the Depot village.

Art. 24.—To see if the town will grade the hill and widen the highway at Stimpson Hill so called upon the highway leading from Palmer Center to Ware, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

Art. 25.—To see if the town will vote to sell the whole or any part of the land owned by the town near the old church building at Palmer Center and make a conveyance of the same.

Art. 26.—To see if the town will accept a town way as laid out by the Selectmen in the Depot village, from Main street south-westerly under the tracks of Ware River and the New London Northern Railroads, thence north-westerly past the Foundry of Edgerton & Davis to the Lumber yard of F. F. Marcy.

Art. 27.—To see if the town will vote to pay the Notes of Renbin and Pamelia Rogers.

Art. 28.—To see if the town will vote to establish a watering trough at the Depot village and raise and appropriate money for the same.

Art. 29.—To see if the town will vote to accept sections 10 and 11 of Chapter 54 of the Public Statutes. Also Chapter 242 of the statutes of the year 1867.

Art. 30.—To see what action the town will take concerning a new high school building and to raise and appropriate money therefor.

The polls will be open at ten o'clock a. m., and close at two o'clock p. m. The names of Selectmen, Overseers of Poor, Assessors, School Committee and Constables, who are voted for, must be all on one ballot. Town Clerk and Treasurer on a separate ballot. And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the different public places designated by the vote of the town, seven days, at least, before the holding of said meeting, and cause this warrant to be printed in the Palmer JOURNAL, at least two issues before the holding of said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, on or before the holding of said meeting.

Given under our hands this first day of March, A. D. 1884.

H. G. LOOMIS, E. G. HASTINGS, JOSEPH KERIGAN, } Selectmen of Palmer.

A Copy Attest: H. A. NORTHROP, Constable.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—HAMPDEN SS. PROBATE COURT.—To the next of kin, creditors and all other persons interested in the estate of Julia McGillicuddy, late of Palmer, in said county, deceased, intestate:

Whereas, application has been made to said court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased, to William Holbrook of Palmer, in the county of Hampden,

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Springfield, in said county of Hampden, on the first Tuesday of April next, at nine o'clock before noon, to show cause, if any you have, against granting the same.

And the appliecant is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once a week, for three successive weeks, in the newspaper called the Palmer Journal, published at Palmer, the last publication to be two days, at least, before said court.

Witness, William S. Shurtleff, Esquire, Judge of said court, this fourth day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four.

3t49 SAMUEL B. SPOONER, Register.

NOTICE is hereby given that the subscriber has been duly appointed administratrix of the estate of Lorin A. Bliss, late of Monson, in the county of Hampden, deceased; and has taken upon herself that trust by giving bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to

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HAMPDEN SS. COURT OF PROBATE.

In the matter of the estate of Thomas Mullen, late of Monson in said county diseased, said estate having been declared insolvent and the undersigned having been appointed commissioners, notice is hereby given that a meeting will be held at the office of Allen Webster, No. 438 Main St., Springfield, Mass., on Tuesday, March 25th, 1884, at ten o'clock a. m., at which time said commissioners will receive and examine all claims of creditors against said estate, and hear the parties thereon.
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To be an angel yet awhile,
This world seemed very fair."

Oh, Lu! my heartless, cruel one,
With mouth like Cupid's bow,
Why will you always laugh at me,
How can you treat me so?

Why will you lift that little nose
In haughtiest disdain,
Pray tell me that my pleadings, dear,
Have not been all in vain?

She turned her merry eyes on me
O'er-brimmed with fun and life,
"I cannot be your angel, Fred;
But—I will be your wife."

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EARLY DAYS OF PALMER.

PAPER READ BY DR. W. H. STOWE BEFORE THE PALMER MEETING OF "OLE FLY."

PART I.

This is the forest primeval. The murmuring pines and hemlocks
Bearded with moss, and in garments green, indistinct in the twilight,
Stand like Druids of eld, with voices sad and prophetic;
Stand like harpers hoar, with beards that rest on their bosoms;
This is the forest primeval. But where are the hearts that beneath it
Leaped like the roe, when he hears in the woodland the voice of the huntsman?

Such was Palmer at the beginning of her recorded history. Only the red men were to be found in all her borders. Here they were born and lived and died, just as we of to-day are acting our parts in the great and mysterious drama of life and death. This was their home: it was the home of their fathers and mothers; and on these hillsides and in these quiet valleys slept their sacred dead, where generation after generation had been buried for moons without number, with nothing to mark their resting places but the "murmuring pines and hemlocks" of the "forest primeval." Over these hills successive generations had hunted the wild denizens of the forests, and often engaged in the deadly combat when by chance foes were met, which ended only with the life of one or perhaps both of the contestants, or in large numbers fought those terrible battles known only to Indian warfare. On these plains the women planted and raised tobacco and maize. And on the Quaboag, which without doubt was a much larger stream than now, they paddled their birch bark canoes and caught the finny tribes from its sparkling waters, and then cooked them by the evening camp-fire, around which played their children, while the warriors engaged in social games and chat, or held the solemn council of war and danced the harvest or war dance, as season or circumstance animated their simple minds, beneath the grand old trees which echoed back their shouts of joy or cries of war.

Thus we should have found this thriving town of ours 251 years ago if we had accompanied the first white men who found their way from Dorchester through this valley to the shores of the Connecticut river in 1633, and told their friends on their return, in glowing terms, of the beautiful and fertile land awaiting the bold settler who should first make it to bud and blossom in the light of civilization.

And yet, strange to relate, these savage dwellers were ready to dispute the possession of these lands with the white man. Yes, they were ready to battle even with their lives for their homes and hunting-grounds. And because they did make a brave, yes, heroic defense against the usurpers, and fought in their own way, we have been taught to think of them only with feelings of horror and vengeance, and call them savages fit only to die and give place to the great white man. If they had not defended their homes they would certainly have been ignoble, and the more I learn of their history the more I admire and honor their bravery and futile struggle to hold their rightful possessions against the encroachments of the aggressive white man.

So we learn that the first dwellers in our own fair town were Indians, belonging to the Nipmuc tribe, whose origin dates from that dark antiquity upon the history of which the most earnest student or diligent inquirer has never been able to give us but conjecture or tradition.

The principal settlement of the Nipmucs was around the Brookfield ponds, though we find smaller villages scattered over their territory, which included nearly the whole of Worcester county and all of Hampshire and Hampden counties situated east of the Connecticut river, and extending several miles into Connecticut on the south. They were divided into several tribes with each a sachem, and Quacumquasit as grand sachem, whose residence it is supposed was in Brookfield near Weckaboag pond.

Within the borders of our town I know of only three places where they had villages. One on the farm of the late Joshua Graves, and one on an adjoining farm of Matthew Poole, the location of which was just beyond his barn on the upper side of the road; the other at Three Rivers, where many stone implements have been found, and on the bank of the river I found several pieces of their rude pottery of burnt clay.

Mr. Graves told me that within his recollection the last one of the tribes lived there with his dog, and I think died there, and that he had picked up a great many relics of their manufacture there. I have several arrow-heads, etc., in my collection that came from Mr. Poole's farm, and also several from Three Rivers, and every time he plows the site of their village he finds them, showing they must have long occupied it as a home, while across the line, in Monson and Wilbraham, large quantities have been found.

The valley of the Quaboag was the great thoroughfare for them in passing back and forth from the eastern to the western part of the state. And it is a curious fact that this Indian trail was the one first used by the early settlers as a path, and called the Bay path, then a turn-pike and stage road, and now as the best through line, by the Boston & Albany railroad, for all points west of Boston. We have but followed in their footsteps, through paths traced by them long before the beginning of America's history.

Who the first white man was that ever visited Palmer cannot now be known, but it is probable that a party of four men, John Oldham, John Hall, and two others from Dorchester, passed through this place, following the old Indian trail, on their way to the Connecticut river in the autumn of 1623, in search of a place to locate a settlement, and without doubt it was through this valley that William Pynchon and his associates passed on their way to settle in Springfield early in May 1636. They had sent all their goods by water down the coast and up the river, while they took the old Bay path through the wilderness to their future homes. There were but eight men in the company besides the women and children, viz: William Pynchon, John Burr, Matthew Mitchell, Henry Smith, William Blake, Thomas Ufford, John Cabell and Edward Wood.

So Palmer remained only a thoroughfare for both whites and Indians, and, doubtless often the arena of sanguinary and deadly contests, till early in the spring of 1716, when John King, wife and infant son came along the old Bay path, looking for a place to make a home, and perhaps halted to rest for the night, and the location so pleased them that they must have at once decided to make this fair place where our village now stands their future home.

We cannot now know what the most weighty consideration was that finally influenced them to settle, but I am confident they must have found a deserted cornfield left by the Indians, as Dr. Holland says they did in Springfield, where they could at once plant the few seeds they were able to bring with them. For it is not even probable that King would have attempted, single handed, the clearing of sufficient space to raise a year's supply of grain. In fact it would have been an impossibility for him to have done it. So with reasonable certainty we can locate the land first tilled by a white man in this town—where the bank now stands—also the land long cultivated by the Indians to raise their corn, tobacco, etc.

We do not know that the Indians ever molested them here, though one of their sons, Benjamin King, was killed by them at Fort Massachusetts in 1756; yet, they were on the extreme frontier and one of the main thoroughfares, fully exposed to an attack any time. These facts were well known to this lone but brave family in their isolated situation. They knew not at night if they would be spared an attack until the morning; and when leaving home he knew not if he would find aught but its ashes and the charred bodies of his family on his return; or even if he himself would not be shot down while at his work by his wily and bitter foe.

I am sure we cannot fully comprehend what it was to be the first settler in a frontier town: its loneliness; its dangers; the daily fear and even expectation of being murdered by a heartless and ever watchful foe. "Eternal vigilance" was the only price of life, and even then it was often sacrificed. John King was a hero, no less than a Putnam or a Warren, though his name is not known or sung beyond the limits of this town, where he was the first to make a home.

The man who under some great excitement or a noble impulse rushes into danger at the risk of his own life to save others in peril is indeed a brave man, who should be honored; but the man who, with a calm desperation, faces hardship and death, day after day, never faltering, is a grander, nobler hero, on whose memory should be conferred the conqueror's crown of victory.

"Warriors and statesmen have their meed of praise,
And what they do and suffer men record;
But the long sacrifice of toilsome day
Passes without a thought, without a word;
And many a bitter struggle for the sake
Of duties sternly, faithfully fulfilled,
For which the anxious mind must watch and wake
Goes by unheeded as the summer wind,
And leaves no memory and no trace behind.
Yet it may be, more lofty courage dwells
In one strong heart which braves an adverse fate
Than his whose ardent soul indignant swells,
Warmed by the fight or cheered through high debate,
The soldier dies surrounded; could he live
Alone to suffer, and alone to strive?"

But soon others came to share with the Kings the hardships and dangers of their forest home, and with what joy must they have hailed the coming of their first neighbor. Just how long they lived here alone we do not know, but we find the record of a birth in 1725 in a family by the name of Frost. After this date the settlers came quite fast: and in 1727 a large number of Scotch-Irish families came from Londonderry, N. H., under a grant from Joshua Lamb and others of Hardwick. And now came a new trouble and source of anxiety to them.

The Crown did not recognize Lamb's right to the land, and threatened to eject all from their homes who had not come under the auspices of the Crown. This state of affairs was brought about by the sale of a large tract of land, called by the Indians Womhemesisieook, which included parts of Warren, New Braintree and Ware, and all of Palmer and Hardwick, by the Indians, John Magus and Lawrence Nassowanno, attorneys of Anogomog, the grand sachem, to Joshua Lamb and others in 1786 and was bounded on the south by the Quaboag river and on the west by the Nenamesick, Ware river.

There is no doubt but that Lamb was the rightful owner of Palmer, but after a long controversy it was settled by Lamb giving up his claim to all but a six-mile square tract, which is now the town of Hardwick, after which the settlers were confirmed in their rights and homes at the Elbows. And from this time on prosperity attended our good old town to the present day. Though several times since those olden days the war cloud has gathered over her and taken from her many loved and noble sons, never to return to enjoy the peace and liberty for which they fought. Many times has financial ruin seemed inevitable, and fire, flood and pestilence raged within her borders, still her march has been steadily onward to prosperity and happiness, and we greet her to-night as the fairest of her beautiful sisters in the region round about us.

Let us now for a time examine the early records of the "infant plantation" and learn what we can of their doings and lives. As before stated, "John King and his wife, Scary" were the first settlers here. They had a family of twelve children, and these are the names: John, Joseph, Thomas, William, Benjamin, Sarah, Aaron, Moses, Hannah, Mary, David and Jonathan. Many of these names appear to-day among their descendents now living in town. Six of the children were baptized in 1729 by Rev. Timothy Ruggles, who was the first minister of Hardwick; I presume John, Jr., was baptized in Boston, where he was born, before his father took that memorable journey to this place. In April they laid their little Moses to rest, probably in our present cemetery, and this was the first interment there. Following is the record of the baptism:

On the 18th May 1729 then John King and Sarah his wife who lived at a place called the Elbows in Hampshire Co. owned the covenant and their children were baptized, viz., William, Thomas, Joseph, Benjamin, Aaron and Sarah, by me, who was sent by the proprietor of the lands to minister unto them. TIMOTHY RUGGLES.

The sending of Mr. Ruggles to the Elbows was significant of their intentions in regard to their claim of the Elbows tract, and was done no doubt to assert their authority and jurisdiction over the same, which their subsequent action would seem to prove.

The first recorded death is as follows:

Seary frost the Dautter of Samuel frost and Deliverence frost was Born febuary 1n the yr 1725.

It is to be hoped that Seary's life was more correct than the spelling of her advent here. Among the deaths are several that are quaint and curious. The first on record is—

Moses King the Son of John King and Seary King. Deppd this life April the 26, 1729.

Then comes a sad death by freezing:

John Dorchester the Son of James Dorchester and Lydie Dorchester, Perished on the Rode a goinge from Kingfield to Springfield febuary 15 1732. Eaged Abom 24 years.

And now we come to the death of a man who was of some note, as we can see by his title and notice of his burial:

Lieutenant Samuel Doolittle Departed this Life on Saturday ye 17th day of July 1736 After a Short Illness of two or three Days, and was Decently interr'd on the day following after ye afternoon Service it being the Sacrament Day. A Multitude of people Respectfully attended ye Funeral.

Among the causes of death we find several who died of the "Mortal Throat Distemper." This is probably the much dreaded diphtheria of to-day, and it is its first appearance in our locality of which we have any record. It appeared again in 1748 and probably several times since. I am sure we all remember its last appearance in 1877-8, when it took from the homes of this place twenty-eight little ones, among whom were many of the brightest and most promising of our village. How vividly the following record brings back to us those days of sickness and grief:

In Jan. 1738 John Applin buried three children. Edward died Jan. 3d, Ebenezer the Jan. 20th, John the 25th.

Here is one showing how particular they were about the details in those olden times:

Margret Scott the Daughter of William and Abigail Scott Departed this life November ye 11th 1748, with the Mortal Throat Distemper aged one year Eleven months Sixteen ours and Twenty minits.

But they also had the aged ones with them, who had left all that was dear to them in the old country home to follow their children to their new homes in the "new world."

The Widdow Jean Moor Departed this Life on Satterday ye 25th day of February 1748 about eight of the Clock in the Evening aged Eighty-six years & eight months.

Mary Blackwood from Eireland Mother to Mary Shaw died January ye 18th 1755 in the 99 year of her age.

"So the multitude goes like the flower and the weed,
That withers away to let others succeed;
So the multitude comes, even those we behold,
To repeat the same tale that often hath been told."

The first recorded marriage was of Timothy McElwean and Ane Spear, Aug. 24th, 1738.

In "ye olden time" everybody was published, or cried, or "hollered" in church two weeks before they were to be married—a law which should never have been repealed—and I give some of the forms from the record:

Edmund Capen and Mary Whitcomb gave their names to publish in order for marrying on the third day of March 1764, and were married by ye Rev. Moses Baldwin.

A purpos of Marriage Between Josiah Farriel and Mary McNitt both of Palmer. Entered April ye 9 1768.

an Intention of Marriage Between Moses King of Palmer and Deliverence Newton of Willberryham Jan ye 5th, 1771. Married Apriel the 4th 1771.

Here is a record that not only excites our sympathy for the two unfortunates but brings to mind the fact that at the date of this publishment—1789—slavery had had an existence by actual ownership and by the laws of this state, though all slaves were freed in 1780 by a decision of the superior court, also that colored people were not recognized as citizens even after they were free. But listen to the trouble of this loving couple and their treatment by the staid old Puritans of Palmer:

Sharp Graves and Dinah Woolward Both Transient parsons now at this date Living in Palmer Published Oct'r 24th 1789. These two Parsons were Posted-up as Inhabitants of Palmer by a false Representation of theirs, so that they Could not have the Benefit of a Certificat and the Publication is of no Effect and void.

On the margin is written "Negros Persons." Imagine if you can—for I cannot—the sorrow of Sharp and Dinah at the stern decree of the Puritanic laws. It is quite probable that Sharp was the slave bought of Aaron Graves to "serve in the Continental army for three years," and this was the way they repaid the forced service he had rendered their suffering country. It is to be hoped they took the "Under-ground R. R." to some place where the laws were more agreeable to their conjugal aspirations, where they lived long and happily together.

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"On de Avery place. How's all yer folks?"

"Porely, thank yer; how's all wid yerse'f?"

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Let poets idly dream and sing
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When snow lies deep and hard and white,
And stars look down with twinkling light,
On Nan and me out sleighing.

The moonlight makes a fairer day;
The restless horses seem to say,
"Oh, why are you delaying?"
They spurn the ground with flying feet,
The sleighbells tinkle clear and sweet—
Life has never a joy to beat
Nannie's and mine out sleighing.

My love then nestles near my arm,
Among the furs so soft and warm;
And I, my heart obeying,
Bend down to see her beaming eyes,
Bend down to catch her loving sighs,
And oh! the time too swiftly flies
When Nannie and I are sleighing.

For in the morn, when friends are by,
Nannie is always still and shy—
She hears not what I am saying;
But nestling in my sleigh, I know
She answers every whisper low.
Ah me! how quickly love can grow
When Nannie and I are sleighing.

I wooed her in the summer bright,
In festive dance and moon-lit night,
And on the sea-sands straying;
But oh! for all I would not miss
The eager joy, the perfect bliss
The whispered "Yes," the trembling kiss,
When Nannie and I are sleighing.

—*Harper's Weekly.*

THE LITTLE SAMARITAN.

Miss Mary Jane Ham stood in front of the imposing brick building used as the high school of Rifletown, with an unopened letter, just handed her by the passing carrier, in her hand.

Miss Mary Jane had her peculiarities, her faults and her foibles, her likes and her dislikes, as what woman has not, or man, either, for that matter? But Miss Mary Jane's one crowning dislike, which embittered her whole soul, as much as it was possible to embitter so sweet and sunny a soul, was her hatred for her name. The name of Ham could not be helped; it was the paternal patronymic; it belonged to the unfortunate son of Noah, but why should her mother aggravate the matter by adding the plebian Mary Jane? There were hundreds of femenine appellatives that were quite as inexpensive and would have added some grace to the inevitable Ham. Without petitioning the general court, Mary Jane had managed to lighten in a small way her grievance. Her friends called her Jennie. She signed her name, in faultless chirography, as became a Massachusetts schoolma'am, M. Jennie Ham, and she had faith that, in the near future, some faultless young man would endow her with a name far more endurable than the one her father had left her, and which was all she had ever received from him. It was, therefore, with a sort of shudder that she read the superscription which ran, in bold, business-like letters, across the envelope: "Miss Mary Jane Ham, Rifletown, Mass." The post-mark, for once not blotted over, was Chicago; the writer—who? M. Jennie had no acquaintances in that famous western city, and only by dint of hard thinking did it occur to her that her mother's eldest brother, John Rivers, lived there; but he was reputed to be of immense wealth, and very likely he had never heard of her existence. She tore open the envelope and read:

My Dear Neice:—I expect the reception of this letter will cause you some surprise, and the reading of it more. I am your mother's eldest brother. When I first came to Chicago, I used to correspond with your mother; but as the years slipped away, somehow our letters grew more and more infrequent and finally ceased entirely. Then your mother died, and, in the heat of money-getting I lost all traces of my eastern relatives. Latterly, I must confess, from selfish motives, I have been looking them up. I am getting old. My wife is dead. I have no child. I need a home. You must know that business men frequently suffer great reverses. I have written to each of my nephews and neices as much as I have written to you. My letters have mostly remained unanswered; or, if answered furnished but cold comfort. Will you take pity on an old man? I await your answer with intense interest.

Your Uncle,

JOHN RIVERS.

M. Jennie slowly folded the letter, mechanically replaced it in the envelope, and, with a preoccupied air, turned her steps toward her home. She had been left an orphan at an early age, without a relative to claim her, and had won her way only by indefatiguable industry and grit.

First as a sewing-girl going from house to house, she had saved enough to fit herself for teaching; she had toiled night and day and within the last twelve months she had obtained a situation in the Rifletown high school, at a salary of seven hundred dollars per annum. She liked dainty things—books and pictures, soft, yeilding carpets, and pretty furniture. She had a woman's longings for delicate laces and fine linens and crispy silks and soft cashmeres; and recently, in a small way, she had commenced to revel in their possession. She had even during the coming vacation contemplated a visit to the White Hills, and over maps and in the dulcet pages of Starr King in imagination had floated over the bright waters of the Winnipiseogee and drunk in the beauties of Pimigewasset, the Saco and Androscoggin valleys; and here in the face of these long-cherished anticipations, was a letter asking charity.

M. Jennie had a tender heart. Her struggle with poverty had left no callouses on it. Her mind went reluctantly back to those old, unpleasant days, and then reverted to Uncle John. He had been wealthy and now he had no home; he was old; his wife was dead; he was her dead mother's brother, and he needed some one to care for him. Ah! well. Her life, so far, had been one long repression; why not let it continue so to the end? And, after all is there not sometimes as much pleasure in the denial as in the gratification of a wish?

Long before Jennie had reached her home she had come to a decision. The little brown cottage must contain one more. With a friend of her sewing days she had rented a little cottage on a back street, and thus satisfied the intense longings of her heart for a home. Her arrangements were soon completed and the mail next day carried an answer to Uncle John. "I, too," she wrote, "have known what it is to have no home, and the one I have to offer to you may sadly disappoint you, but I will try my best to make it pleasant for you. Your room is ready, and, with my warmest welcome, waits your coming.

A week later an express wagon hauled an old man, with a battered trunk, on the door step of the little brown cottage. It chanced to be on Saturday, when Jennie had no school duties, and the cordial words with which she welcomed Uncle John were interrupted by a kiss on the old man's cheek, which the latter did not fail to repay. From under a pair of bushy eyebrows there peered out two keen, sagacious eyes, which took in every look and movement of the schoolma'am.

"You dear little Samaritan!" he cried. "You, of all my relatives, alone consented—"

A soft hand was placed over the old man's mouth.

"Hush, Uncle John," she said. "You come as my honored guest, and are to make no Samaritan references to me."

Then she introduced him to her companion, showed him through the little brown cottage, and, with many a tug and little cry, helped him to carry the old, battered trunk up the winding stairway. The task accomplished, she proceeded to store its contents in faultless order in the bureau provided for the purpose.

"So like your mother in her girlish days," said Uncle John, interrupting her in the work to indulge in one more good, long look. "And what untold possessions and pleasures do you deny yourself in giving an old man a home?"

"Ah! Uncle John," she answered, with a merry laugh, "my life has had so many denials that a few more or less are of little consequence. And besides I have found, with the German, Lessing, that in seeking the pleasure the anticipation is greater than the realization."

"And so you are deep in the Germans? Do not let the Haeckels and Buchners dim your faith."

Then they sat down and took a mental gauge of each other. From German philosophy they drifted to poetry, from poetry to history, from history to science.

"Uncle John had not found business so absorbing that he had not taken time to read. Perhaps his devotion to books caused him to fail," thought Jennie.

"The little Samaritan has not allowed poverty to interfere with the development of her higher nature. She is thorough in all her intellectual attainments," thought Uncle John.

Before a month had passed a stranger would have thought Uncle John master of the house, so genially had he fitted into the lives of the two girls. Left mostly to himself, his companions absent at their daily labors, he became absorbed in the chemical mysteries of the kitchen. It is said that Dumas the Elder was the best cook in all France. Uncle John did credit to his short experience in culinary affairs.

When the contents of Jennie's little bookcase became too familiar, the public library was at hand; and, after an early tea, in the soft June twilights, Uncle John would read to the two girls, and he read with that appreciative feeling which made it a real pleasure to listen to him.

Two months swiftly sped away and the school year drew to its close. Teachers and scholars were alike dispersed, and Jennie had settled down for the hot summer in the little brown cottage. It had not been so hard as she anticipated. Uncle John had proved such a pleasant companion, and, though from his coming she had been compelled to forego a few personal luxuries, she did not really regret them.

She was sitting in the parlor, the shades mostly down, to keep out the hot July sunshine, herself in keeping with the dainty yet inexpensive furnishings which surrounded her, when Uncle John entered, carrying an open letter and exclaiming:

"In luck, in luck, at last, little girl. Here is one of my old customers, who has long been indebted to me and from whom I never expected to realize a penny, at last taken pity on me, and sent me a draft for five hundred dollars. Come, little girl," and Uncle John snatched some article of sewing from her hand and threw it into one corner, "no more work with the needle this hot weather. Pack your boxes and we'll away to the White Hills. I know you'd have made the journey if I had not come, and now with Sue, and myself as bagguge-master, we will see for ourselves how much of poetry there is in Starr King."

It was needless for Jennie to indulge in remonstrance. She could not tell Uncle John it would it be much better to put the money aside, against future contingencies, without causing him to feel that his presence was a burden to her; and so it was arranged that the White Hills should be visited.

Uncle John at once put himself in the hands of a tailor. Was it Jennie's imagination or did the possession of a well-filled purse and perfect fitting clothes make a difference in Uncle John's personal bearing? He certainly had little difficulty in assuming the polished and courtly bearing that comes from mingling with the best of humanity, and the two girls grew to be very proud of their escort. The pert hotel clerks, the obsequious waiters seemed to know that they had to do with a man of the world, and everywhere the best rooms, the choicest service was exacted and rendered. Before starting Uncle John admonished his companions:

"Now, little girls," he said, "we are to consider this five hundred dollars as so much manna dropped into our mouths. I know that you, Jennie, have an unexpressed idea that the old pauper," (here his mouth was suddenly covered with a little white hand)—"well, then, that your Uncle John might better put it aside, against the unknown demands of the future; but I want to take one more journey, and I don't want any thoughts of the past or fears for the future to mar its pleasures. In days agone (more fortunate? Well, as regards companions, certainly not more fortunate) I used to take long journeys and know all the ins and outs of travel. Now you, little girls, are not to worry, not even about your baggage. I carry the checks and the pocket-book, and for once I am going to play the autocrat. I have put fifty dollars aside for the fare home. When the balance is spent, we will come back to Rifletown—and, well, we will hope that many more of my delinquent customers will remember me."

And so they started. They went to Springfield and up the Connecticut. They stopped at Northampton, that Jennie might visit the female college there; they passed a charming day in Brattleboro; they loitered everywhere. At Haverhill they engaged an open carriage, drawn by a span of black horses, that made light of mountain roads. They put up at cross-roads hotels, and, tutored by Uncle John, the girls drew from the clear mountain streams many a speckled beauty. Finally, they reached the enchanted land, and then it transpired that this was not Uncle John's first visit. He was familiar with every desirable drive, not even Starr King knew better the best points for studying the charming scenery. And then Jennie discovered new treasures in her pauper uncle. If he was fairly familiar with every branch of literature, he was equally at home with the feral life of field and forest. He read the geological formation in the contour of the hills; he named the birds from listening to their songs; not a flower on the mountains or in the meadows was unknown.

And so the weeks sped by in happy content. From the White Hills they drifted to Portsmouth; they sailed out to Appledore; they staid several days at the big hotel, and Jennie delighted her eyes with a good look at Celia Thaxter. They stopped at Newburyport, rode along within sight of the Merrimac, passed the house on the island which shelters Mrs. Spofford and her sister; and in a little side street, leading off the long, rambling thoroughfare of Amesbury, found the home of the Quaker poet. By and by they reached the Hub, stopping at the Brunswick, and Uncle John seemed as familiar with Boston as with the White Hills. A week passed, and still the five hundred dollars held out, and Jennie began to think the purse that held it was like the one so famous in myth. At last, August drew near its close; they had been away from home seven weeks; Jennie's school would soon recommence, Sue's customers began to think of fall styles; was not the five hundred spent?

Uncle John drew a long face.

"Little girls, what must be, must be," he said, "though there is still money in the purse. What a pity we cannot keep on to the end just as we are, with no thoughts of school or of cutting dresses."

"It would be nice, I must confess," assented Jennie. "This trip has almost spoilt me, though. I have seen the White Hills, and now I want to see beyond the Atlantic. I have had one good outing, at any rate, if I never have another; and I am ready to go back to the little brown cottage and take up my work once more."

It was almost dark when the parlor car which contained them (Uncle John's extravagance holding out to the end) drew up at Rifletown station. As they alighted, a superb carriage, drawn by magnificent black horses, stood waiting, and a servant in livery touched his hat obsequiously to Uncle John and opened the carriage door for the party to enter.

"Come, Uncle John, let us walk," said Jennie. "We know the streets of Rifletown well enough not to miss our way and I am sure the money is all gone by this time."

"Just enough left to pay the carriage hire," laughed Uncle John. "Jump in, girls, let us wind up our outing regally."

The servant had already loaded in their bundles, the driver had difficulty in holding the impatient horses, and Jennie and Sue and Uncle John were finally in the carriage, and away they went with a dash.

Finally the carriage stopped before a stately gateway, illuminated by two brilliant gaslights, and the door was opened by the obsequious footman.

"Why, Uncle, the driver has made a mistake. This is not home," said Jennie, looking out.

"Not home?" answered Uncle John, getting out on the sidewalk. "Yes, this is home; or, if it is not, we will walk the rest of the way."

Jennie laughed her merry laugh. This home. Why this was the Locusts, the grandest mansion in Rifletown. Many a time had she looked admiringly at its broad velvet lawns, its masses of blooming flowers, its rare and beautiful trees, its winding walks, its statues, its rows of green houses and graperies. Uncle John was getting facetious. The girls got out, the footman touched his hat, mounted by the side of the driver, who without waiting for his fee, drove away.

"Come girls, let us go up and look at the mansion. Perhaps, after all, it is the little brown cottage made over by the wishes of some modern Aladdin," said Uncle John.

Again Jennie laughed.

"Why, Uncle John, has coming home turned your head? If we should go and ask to look at the mansion, they would send for the police."

"Send for the police? Hardly as bad as that, Jennie. At any rate, I have a call to make. Come up the walk a little way."

Uncle John took his companions each by the arm, and with gentle force led them up to the broad marble steps, up the very steps, and did not pause until he had swung back the door of the stained glass, and the three stood in the stately hall of the mansion. Turning to the right, he swung open a door and motioned his companions to enter. As Jennie did so, she uttered an exclamation of delight. She had entered her ideal of a library. The room was flooded with soft, mellow light. Shelving, fringed with bright leather, stamped in gold, extended to the ceiling, on which repeated rows and rows of books, in dainty bindings, fragrant Russia, polished, shining calf, scarlet and green and blue morocco. Huge folios of engravings were in their appropriate rests. Easy-chairs were everywhere and every appliance for literary ease or study.

"My dear child," said Uncle John, taking Jennie in his arms and kissing her tenderly, this is the little brown cottage, after all: This is home. And yet what I wrote you is true. I had no home, no wife, no child; but had hundred of thousands in money. Business men meet with reverses, but I am not one of the unfortunate. I wrote all my relatives. You alone responded; you alone offered the supposed pauper a home. Had I come to you with all my wealth you could not have cared for me more tenderly. Henceforth you are no longer my neice; you are my own daughter. I have legally adopted you. You are Jennie Rivers. And, Sue," turning to the astonished girl, "is also to share your home. She may come as housekeeper or as your companion and honored guest."

And so Jennie laid aside all her old cares and worries, even the name of Ham. "Beyond the Atlantic" was no longer unattainable. Her life of repression only fitted her for the keener and truer enjoyment of the new life, and, as poverty had never dashed her sunny temper, so riches failed to change her.

This episode in the life of Jennie Rivers seems like a romance; but, for once, truth and poetic justice were in accord.—*Independent.*

A NEW DISCOVERY.

"Gentlemen," said the bald-headed professor of physiology, as he wiped his gold-bowed spectacles and arose to address the students, "the subject of this morning's lecture is the cause of premature baldness. I will preface my lecture by asking if any of you have given the snoject investigation and, if so, whether you have arrived at any satisfactory conclusion in regard to the matter?"

"I have given the subject some study, sir," said a student, rising, "and think that I have arrived at the solution of the problem, a problem, I believe, that has puzzled the physiologists of every age."

"Indeed, I am glad to know, sir, that there is one student in my class who is so much in love with his studies as to anticipate my lectures by investigating their subjects. Proceed, sir, with a description of your theory. The class will please be attentive."

"I believe, sir," began the student, "that premature baldness is caused by straining the organs of vision."

"Indeed, that is a new idea."

"It is, sir, and, if it is not immodest, I would be glad to claim the credit of the discovery."

"It is your due, sir. I listen with pleasure, Gentlemen, please be attentive. Proceed."

"My reasons for ascribing premature baldness to excessive straining of the organs of vision is based on the fact that at specular entertainments, when the ballet comes upon the stage, the occupants of the orchestra chairs strain their vision to its utmost limit and I have observed that these occupants are, almost without exception, bald headed."

Cheers from the students, in the midst of which the professor sits down with a very red face.—*Somerville Journal.*

LENT.

We are now in Lent. It is a sad season in the example which it commemorates; but it is also a season for rejoicing. First, it gives several hundred humorous writers, the chance to remark that notwithstanding this is leap year it has but three hundred and twenty-six days, the other forty days being Lent. Again, it furnishes the opportunity to the family man of saving largely in his bills for home supplies. His wife and other loved ones can, without fear of scandal, be kept upon inexpensive fare, while he may thereby be enabled to live more sumptuously than ever in the hotel and restaurant which his flock never invades. Saving is also possible in another direction, and pleasure also. His dear ones may not go to the opera, the theatre and the dance. Here is a direct saving. But he can go to any or all. Covertly, to be sure; but is not stolen fruit the sweetest? A man, thanks to the inequality of the sexes, has a thousand excuses for absenting himself from home. There is the lodge, that time-honored and hoary deceiver; if he is not at the lodge, he is delayed by unexpected business, he is taking stock—and he expects his family to do the same—or he lost the train, or went to see a sick friend. Nothing is easy as lying.—*Boston Transcript.*

In a Pennsylvania court there was lately handed down a rather important decision on the moot question of matrimonial intent. The decision in question is very clear on some interesting points, but on others almost equally interesting it is silent. Among other things the court held that though it was proved "he" met "her" out in the evenings, sometimes at church and walked home with "her," still in view of the undisputed fact that "he left her at the gate," it could not be said to be the kind of intercourse that usually takes place between persons engaged to be married. We are with the decision so far as it goes; but if it could have been shown that "he" went in on one particular evening, during the whole of which the lamp was at half mast in a room denuded of all chairs save one, wouldn't "she" have had him? We know "she" would. —*Buffalo Express.*

If Satan ever laughs it must be at hypocrites. They are the greatest dupes he has. They serve him better than any others, but receive no wages. Nay, what is still more extraordinary, they submit to greater mortifications than the sincerest Christians.

What madness is it for a man to starve himself to enrich his heir, and so turn a friend into an enemy, for his joy at your death will be in proportion to what you leave.—*Seneca.*

A Secret.

I told my secret to the sweet wild roses,
Heavy with dew, new-waking in the morn,
And they had breathed it to a thousand others
Before another day was slowly born.
"Oh, fickle roses!" said I, "you shall perish!"
So plucked them for my lady sweet to wear
In the pure silence of her maiden bosom,
The curled luxuriance in her chestnut hair.

I told the secret to a bird new building
Her nest at peace with the spreading tree;
And e'er her children had begun to chatter
She told it o'er and o'er right joyously.
"Oh, traitor bird!" I whispered, "stay thy singing;
Thou dost not know, there is thy nest above,
That secrets are not made to tell to others,
That silence is the birthright of true love!"

I told the secret to my love, my lady,
She held it closely to her darling breast!
Then, as I clasped her, came a tiny whisper:
"The birds and flowers told me all the rest,
Nor should'st thou chide them that they spake the secret—
The world is a chord of love divine,
And birds and flowers but fulfil their mission
In telling secrets, sweet as mine and thine!"

—*All the Year Round.*

POLLUTING THE EARTH.

Within the boundaries of the Registrar General's table of mortality the city of London covers an area of 75,334 statute acres, on which reside 3,816,483 persons. This population of fifty persons to the acre—which, we should remember, contains a comparatively small proportion of the working class—dies at the rate of over 21 per 1,000 per annum, the number of deaths in 1881 being 81,120. Of these deaths, no less than 18,881, or more than one-sixth part, were from zymotic diseases—*i. e.*, the class of diseases which is least inevitable, most preventable, and constitutes the field of sanitation. But did any of our readers ever think how much space is required for the burial of 81,120 persons per annum? Suppose you are scarcely willing to adopt the plan pursued in Paris, where the dead are buried in ditches, and prefer a separate grave for each body. In Kensal Green Cemetery, which has an area of 18 acres, there were 70,000 dead seven or eight years ago, or 3,722 per acre. There are 43,500 square feet in an acre. If you can be contented with 2 feet by 6, or 12 square feet, for each grave, you can bury 3,630 bodies to the acre But this allows nothing for walks, roads, fences, gardens, monuments, etc. On this crowded theory, however, of 3,630 graves to the acre, London's 91,120 annual dead will fill $23\frac{1}{3}$ acres. Of course, it practically requires four times as much space. Is it any wonder that the city dies of zymosis? * * * Eventually, since we must have the earth for a habitation, and for the growing of food, we shall be driven to the expedient of depositing our leaden coffins at the bottom of the sea, unless there is a better way. It is on this point we should consult sanitation. Hygiene is a science which teaches the laws of health. Sanitation is an art which removes impediments out of the way of the successful operation of the law of health. The vitiation of the earth as a receptacle for diseased corpses, as a garner and hot house for infection, is a sanitary evil, crime, imprudence, or whatsoever you choose to call it, which must inevitably punish those who permit it, and which should consequently be obviated. If we plant the seeds of death, the harvest will be reaped by our children. If we plant the seeds of life, the harvest is just as sure and fruitful. We plant the seeds of life when we establish customs which promote life. The prevention of disease is the scientific problem of our day. The pollution of the atmosphere and of the waters in the wells, must exercise a very deleterious effect upon the health of the people. Cremation is the only remedy. —*New Orleans Picayune.*

PUTTING AWAY THINGS.

It seems the hardest matter for some to acquire the habit of putting things where they belong, when they have done with them, and there are few things more annoying to a careful house-keeper than to be constantly picking up after two or three of these nonconformists to neatness and order.

It is a small matter when one has done with book, paper, work-basket, needle, thimble, scissors, etc., to put every article where it belongs, but where several misplace, and only one has all the putting away to do, it amounts to a real task, and becomes sufficient excuse for sharp words and angry looks.

The same slovenly habit of scattering things about is extended somewhat to articles of dress, and this, that, or the other garment, or bit of toggery, is cast off and left knocking about till wife, or mother, or some one, picks up and puts away the offending article.

Mothers sometimes indulge their boys in this habit of scattering their belongings, by making their sisters keep order in their tracks. But this is injustice to brothers and sisters, too, and oh! such an injustice to future wives. How many domestic jars grow out of this very habit of slovenliness on the part of husbands!—*Mrs. H. A. Shute, in St. Louis Magazine.*

Little Johnnie and Mary were sitting on an ottoman in rather close quarters. Both realized the crowded situation of affairs, and it was finally righted by Johnnie, who said: "Mary, there would be more room for me on this ottoman if one of us was to get off." —*Marathon Independent.*

A certain poetess is said to "make good jellies as well as good poetry." It is suggested that she also make a new departure—*i. e.*, send her jellies to newspaper offices and can her poems. Jellies discount poetry as "inside matter" every time.—*Norristown Herald.*

"Dogs are not admitted." "That's not my dog," responded Gilhooly. "But he follows you." "Well, so do you." The sexton growled, and removed the animal with unnecessary violence.—*Christian at Work.*

The preferred creditor is one who will wait longest for his pay.—*New Orleans Picayune.*

The Journal.

FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 14. 1884.

GOV. ROBINSON is sound on the biennial election question, and thinks the Legislature ought to give the people a chance to vote upon it.

SAMUEL J. TILDEN tells an interviewer that he cannot consent to be a candidate for the presidency again, as he could not stand the physical effort.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE received a terribly black eye in the House yesterday, being defeated by a vote of 50 yeas to 144 nays, with 11 pairs—the worst defeat it has yet met.

NEXT Tuesday has been fixed upon as the day for the hearing before the Legislative committee on prisons, on the question of building a new jail at Springfield. There will probably be a full representation from this county.

THE little city of Bangor, Me., is big enough to rise above any standard time arrangement which does not accord with its own local time. The voters refused to adopt the new standard time, Monday, by a vote of 425 for the standard and 2320 for local time, but when it comes to a trip on the cars they'll have to go by standard time, *nolens volens*.

CONGRESSMAN ROCKWELL'S friends are trying to explain his recent letter resigning his place on the Republican state committee, and some of them come pretty near making out that he is quite too innocent-minded a person to occupy a position in public life, where his actions and motives are so liable to be misunderstood. He will need to be kept under glass yet.

THE House at Boston seems inclined to punish wife-beaters in kind, by having them publicly flogged. A bill providing such punishment was substituted, the other day, for the committee's report, "inexpedient," by a vote of 96 to 24, and it is thought to stand quite a tolerable chance of passing both houses. We would like to see the experiment tried for a year or two.

THE last spike in the Mexican Central Railroad was driven last Saturday, and railway communication is now complete between this country and the City of Mexico. The road has been built by Boston capitalists, 525 miles of track having been laid in the last three months, and with the new reciprocity treaty in force the road ought to and doubtless will be a great benefit to both countries.

HAVING abolished the election sermon, the Legislature now has a bill in the works repealing the present law against traveling on the Lord's Day. It isn't well to let down the bars too readily. Morality and good order will be much better served by little than by much traveling on Sunday, and it would be better to check, rather than encourage the prevailing tendency to a lax observance of the Sabbath.

AN important reciprocity treaty with Mexico was ratified by the United States Senate, Tuesday, which admits a long list of manufactured products into that country free, while the Mexicans can send us barley, beef, fruit, molasses, shell fish, certain grades of sugar, etc., on the same terms. The treaty opens a new and important field for our manufacturing and commercial interests, which will be of no small advantage to them.

TWO-CENT letter postage has caused an unexpected reduction in the number of postal cards used. There has been an average increase of 14 per cent in the number of cards issued for the past five years, but since July 1st there have been nearly 4,000,000 less cards issued than in the corresponding period the previous year, while the issue of adhesive stamps has increased 18 per cent, and that of stamped envelopes 25 per cent, showing that many people prefer to pay the extra penny and send their communications under seal.

JEFFERSON DAVIS is the same old "Reb" at heart he was twenty years ago, and has no word of appreciation for the country which has rewarded his base treason with such leniency. He delivered an address on the life of S. S. Prentiss before the Mississippi Legislature Monday, in which he said he had been deprived of everything but being a Mississippian. He had been reproached for not asking a pardon, "but pardon," he said, "comes after repentance, and"—with emphasis—"I have never repented. Were the same to be done again, I would do as I have done." It is needless to add his remarks were received with vociferous applause.

DR. BOWDITCH, an eminent Boston physician, formerly chairman of the state board of health, told the Legislative committee on liquor laws, Monday, that, though formerly of the contrary opinion, he is now convinced that to encourage the use of light wines and lager beer with the expectation of lessening intemperance thereby, is a delusion and a humbug. It does not work that way in Boston with lager, nor in California with light wines. He does not think that absolute prohibition is possible, but would retain the present local option law; and prohibit the sale of hard liquors to be drunk on the premises. He would also compel the sale of tea and coffee wherever liquors are sold. He considers tobacco nearly as dangerous as alcohol, and a man with a "tobacco heart" as badly off as a drunkard.

A Pottsgrave, Pa, woman who was crazed with malarial fever, deliberately set her clothing on fire Sunday night, and so desperately fought those who attempted to rescue her that she burned to death before the flames could be extinguished.

Twelve persons were killed in a snow slide at Alta, Utah, last Friday. The slide was half a mile wide, and carried away the works of the new Emma mine, causing a loss of $15,000.

The daughter of the governor of South Carolina was severely burned last week by her dress catching fire as she was sitting before an open grate.

Judge Otis P. Lord, late of the supreme court, died at Salem, yesterday, in his 73d year.

THIS, THAT, AND THE OTHER.

The type for the paragrapher—Brilliant.

"I acknowledge the corn," the man said when he got his foot stepped on.

It is said that Japanese women advertise their age by the manner of doing up their hair. You don't catch the girls of this country giving themselves away in any such foolish manner; oh, no.

The Palmer JOURNAL, one of the latest welcome additions to our exchange list, is a paper of which any community ought to be proud. Well edited, well printed, on an excellent quality of paper.—*Marlboro Times.*

A New York man recently bought an old Bible, printed in the Indian language, for $950. What on earth made him go and pay so much for a book that he couldn't read, and an old edition at that, is what beats us. He could have got one for less than a hundreth part of that sum: a revised 1884 edition; one that he could read—if he wanted to—and it would doubtless look just as well when laid away on some top shelf.

While we are glad that our sayings, comments and items are worth clipping, still we do not think it is just and fair for our exchanges to use them and give us no credit therefor. There are a number of our neighbors who very frequently clip from our columns, and one in particular comes to our mind which scarcely allows a weeks to pass without inserting several of our items as original in its columns. This is not right. No editor should use the sayings of another unless he gives the proper credit, for if he does, he not only deprives the writer of what is honestly his due, but he injures himself as well, for who wishes to give credit to a paper in every issue of which he sees items known to be extracted bodily from some other sheet? He dare not do so, for fear of giving credit where it does not belong, and consequently many an item passes unnoticed which would otherwise be used and credited, if the credit were sure of being rightly given. A number of our exchanges will do well to bear this in mind, but if you don't happen to wear this size hat, don't put it on.

A Chicago Irishman named Burns, whose house stands close by the railroad, wanted the company to pay him because some projecting timbers on a passing car knocked one end of the shanty in. They refused to do so, whereupon Burns swung a ladder over the track and commenced to paint his building; a passenger train came along, and as it could not get by without hitting the ladder, was compelled to stop. Burns refused to come down, and with a shotgun dared the engineer to open the throttle. The road settled before he would hoist his ladder, and afterward when he wanted any favor which the road refused, he commenced to paint, and it was at once granted him.

The latest scheme is that of Samuel H. House of Galesburg, Ill., who went to Eureka Springs, Ark., for his health, and represented himself to be a lawyer. When he grew worse and death approached, he called in a lawyer and made his will, leaving $10,000 to a woman in Missouri, and large sums to other parties. He made a Eureka Springs man his executor, and on the strength of his representations got him to advance over $800 for sickness and funeral expenses, and the body was taken home with great honor. Then it was that the executor found that House was an ex-convict without a cent, and had taken this way to secure an elaborate burial.

A gang of would-be cow boys has been discovered and broken up in Franklin, N. Y. The ages of the members would not average ten years, but they had all their plans laid, and were to soon leave for the West. Each boy was to poison his mother, so that he would not be pursued and brought back. The captain, who was called Deadwood Jim, was to furnish the poison, but one little fellow of seven years was afraid his mother would suffer too much, and was to experiment on the hired girl, who fortunately overheard the plan, and the gang was treated to shingles and shawl straps all round.

A brutal assault and robbery was committed in New York last Saturday night, when a negro coachman and a colored servant in a family assaulted a young lady of 18 who had been left in charge of her aunt's child for a short time. She was choked, and on protesting that she did not know where the valuables were kept, was dragged from bed, gagged, and a towel tied around her head. When rescued she was in an unconscious condition, and would have died from suffocation in a short time. Her assailants have been arrested.

A grand Raymond excursion will start from Boston Thursday, May 1st, for San Francisco, through Kansas, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona and Southern California. From San Francisco to Portland, Oregon, to and around Puget Sound, and up the Columbia river, returning home over the Northern Pacific railroad, and touching at Salt Lake city. The advertisement appears in another column.

A Boston shoe firm has received an order for three pairs of shoes for a colored Methodist minister, the measurements of which are astonishing. The foot measures 7¾ inches across and 21½ inches in length, while the instep measure is 19½ inches, and the width of the heel 7½ inches. The man who is to wear them weighs over 400 pounds.

A Minnesota man, evidently out of cash and at a loss to know where to procure more, has sent a lot of printed circulars to a Vermont postmaster, proposing to marry some young woman with $4000 or $5000 capital, and then start a stock farm with the money.

The first of the new fast mail trains which commenced running between New York and Chicago on last Saturday night, arrived at Chicago on Sunday seven minutes ahead of time.

In some parts of England, cat breeding is carried on quite extensively. Their fur makes fine lining for cloaks, and their flesh furnishes meat for many of the rabbit stews.

Eighteen hundred children of Madison, Wis., headed by a brass band and waving flags and streamers, had a sleigh-ride the other day making a procession a mile long.

LOCAL NOTICES.

It will pay you to look up Hitchcock's line of Paper Hangings and Curtains before purchasing.

Every lady calling at Milligan's shoe store will be presented with a pair of those twins on exhibition in his window.

PALMER AND VICINITY.

Got your slate made up?

Town meeting next Monday.

Spring moving has commenced.

The sleighing is fast disappearing.

Don't do any electioneering next Sunday.

Wheels begin to take the place of runners.

Look out for a circus at town meeting.

Our Club meets this evening with Dr. O. P. Allen.

How are you going to vote on the license question?

We don't hear any base ball talk in town yet this season.

The crosswalks are in a delightful condition these days.

The river is quite high after the thaw of the past three days.

There is some talk of organizing a polo club at the skating rink.

Hand organs, dandelions, marbles and straw hats will soon be common.

F. E. Pettengill has sold his house on Park street to Sarah Smith for $3000.

Girls, we're afraid you've neglected the last opportunity to have a leap year sleigh-ride.

There will be no skating rink to-morrow, but on next week music will again be furnished.

We have improved facilities for printing ballots, and can do them at short notice and in any quantity.

The house at the head of School street owned by S. S. Taft has been sold to William and Mary Saunders.

The trustees of the Palmer Savings Bank will hold their regular quarterly meeting to-morrow afternoon, at 2 o'clock.

The second part of Dr. Stowe's article on the early history of Palmer will be found on the fourth page of this week's issue.

Owing to an accident on the New York road the owl train from that city did not arrive here until 6.24 last Monday morning.

A party from Thorndike indulged in a sleigh-ride to this village on Monday evening, and made F. C. Hatch and wife a surprise visit.

Several barrels of clothing, cooking utensils, etc., have been sent from this place this week to the sufferers by the western floods.

The Metropolitan Opera Company passed through this place by special train last Sunday afternoon, on its way from Worcester to Springfield.

Owing to an accident to the engine of the boat train, it did not arrive on time from New London this morning, but came up some three and one-half hours late.

George Robinson has disposed of his Fenton farm, situated about 3 miles east of the village, to Royal Van Brocklin of Brooklyn, N. Y. The price was about $13,000.

After next Monday we shall be able to prophesy with a degree of accuracy never attained by either Vennor or Wiggin, whether next season will be a wet or dry one for the town.

The walking, as soon as one leaves the concrete walks, is about as bad as they make it, and some of the concrete would be in a much better condition if the owners had not been so lazy when the last snow came.

A leap year party of twenty couples came up from Stafford for a sleigh-ride Tuesday afternoon, and stopped at the Weeks house for supper and a good time, both of which they had, and returned home loud in their praises of Landlord Weeks as a caterer.

One week from next Monday evening Denman Thompson will present "Joshua Whitcomb" at Springfield, and an effort is being made to secure a special car out after the entertainment. All who will go are requested to leave their names with Julian Tuthill at the post office as soon as possible.

The warm weather of the past few days has carried off a good deal of the heavy body of snow with which the ground was covered. In the village the sleighing is played out, but considerable snow still remains on the out roads where it was so badly drifted. Two or three more days of this kind of weather, however, will leave very little of it.

L. L. Merrick Post No. 107, G. A. R., is preparing for a grand camp-fire at Masonic Hall next Wednesday evening, and cordially invites all comrades to be present with them. Prominent officials from head-quarters have been invited and are expected to be present, and a collation, speeches, singing, etc., will make up the programme for the evening.

On Monday evening about 125 of the friends and neighbors of M. Fox made him a surprise visit at his residence on Pleasant street, it being the 68th anniversary of his birth. A very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all, and Mr. Fox was presented with an easy chair and a picture, and his wife with a chair. The picture was the gift of Mr. and Mr. E. Maxwell.

The play "Nevada," which is to be presented at Wales Hall next Monday evening, is a good one, and has been carefully prepared and rehearsed. The entire cast is a strong one, and the play will be given in an excellent manner. The seats are on sale at the post office, and are meeting with a very rapid sale, in fact, a much larger one than has ever before been known.

Last Saturday George Griffin was arrested for the assault on Weeks, the liquor spotter, and fined $25 and costs, and placed under $500 bonds to keep the peace for six months, but appealed. He was also fined $50 and costs for liquor keeping, and appealed in this case also. The case of Edward King was continued to next Tuesday. Yesterday William Murray of Worcester, for indulging in the ardent, was put behind the bars for a time.

The rain of last Saturday soaked the top of the snow, which then froze and formed quite a thick crust, rendering it extremely hard traveling except in the beaten tracks, and making tip-overs numerous where parties were compelled to turn out into the drifts. The snow which came after the rain was in the shape of little globes, and to pedestrians it seemed as if the ground was covered to a depth of three or four inches with fine shot. Sunday night more snow fell, which was badly drifted by the high wind.

A good crowd gathered at the rink last Saturday night to enjoy the music, the rollers, and witness the orange race. The music was better than has ever been furnished before, and was much appreciated by the skaters. In the orange race there were five contestants. Owing to the smallness of the hall there were but ten spots marked on the floor for each contestant, and on each of these spots he was obliged to place an orange taken one at a time from a pail at one end, and then collect them in the same manner. The race and oranges were won by L. E. Chandler, he being so closely followed by Rufus Taplin and Frank Eager that the judges were obliged to give a close decision.

Market Gardening was the subject discussed at the farmers' institute at the Weeks House on Tuesday. In the morning L. H. Chamberlain of West Brookfield read a very interesting paper, in which he pointed out the source of many of the vegetables commonly used, and gave much valuable information concerning them. He talked upon the cultivation of the potato, cabbage and onion, and his remarks were attentively listened to and much appreciated. In the afternoon A. P. Capen of Belchertown read an essay. Mr. Capen is a practical market gardener, and gave his experience with various crops, and his method of treating them. Several farmers took part in the discussion, and a very profitable meeting was held.

As the time of spring and warm weather draws near it would be an excellent idea if our merchants and business men were to give a little attention to the matter of police service, and especially to that of night police. We have no regular policemen on our streets, and when evening comes it is exceedingly disagreeable for a lady to have to run the risk of being insulted by a crowd of loafers upon every corner. And between the hours of 10 or 11 and morning a burglar has ample opportunity to investigate almost any of our business blocks without fear of detection or interruption. A small assessment on each business man in the village would secure night police whose special duty it should be to look after the business blocks, and thus save the expense of a watchman for each building, which of course could not be done. It is time our merchants gave this matter more thought and protected themselves against that which is liable to occur at any time.

Editor Journal:—The voters of Palmer will be called upon to vote "Yes," or "No," on the license question next Monday. The temperance people are divided on the question. Some are in favor of license, and others are not; some of them say that more liquor has been drank and less beer this year, and one is bold to say that no license has been a failure in Palmer this year. They say they do not know of any places that have been shut up, where rum has been sold. One of the men chosen by the town to prosecute the rumsellers has worked hard to stop the sale. No man could have done better; but drunkenness is on the increase. If the temperance people would take hold and see that the license law was strictly enforced Palmer would be very much benefited by it. As it is now, people may go staggering along on the sidewalk and no notice is taken of it by the officers of the town. I am told by one of the officers that there are fifteen more United States licenses taken in this town then there were last year. If any one will take the trouble to be at the Athol depot at Three Rivers, when the train arrives from Springfield on Saturday evenings, and see the jugs of liquor that are taken from the train, he would be surprised to see the amount. The most of it is sold on Sunday, no doubt. **

Mr. Editor:—I would not intrude a personal wrong upon the public, did it not occur to me that the wrong was one in which the public would be interested, as it relates to the management of our public schools outside of our villages. Allow me to say, that I have lived in the northern part of Palmer some thirty years, and have paid taxes to the town for twenty-nine years. Before the district system was abolished, in what was known as the Shorley district, I think it can be shown that I exerted myself to the full extent of my time and financial ability in the interest of good schools. After the district system was abolished, in answer to a petition, circulated among the citizens by myself, a new school house was built, upon land given by myself, to replace the old one, which was removed, and a new school was established by the town. Since then the school has been under the direction of a lady teacher of Irish parentage, whom, in most respects, I believe to be duly qualified. But it has been impossible for me to send my grandchildren to the school on account of the most cruel and abusive treatment exercised toward them on the part of larger scholars whom the teacher could not or would not control. I have repeatedly petitioned the school committee for change of teacher for a part of the time. The answer has been "Try again." I have done so, and found no change in the treatment of my grandchildren, and so have been obliged to keep them out of school. It is true that a majority of the citizens who send children to the school, are of Irish descent. I respect them and their rights, but also feel that, as an individual, I have rights which should, in some degree, be recognized. Our respect can be shown to a good teacher by transferring her to a better position. I have never before had any trouble with a school or with a teacher, and it is only in despair of obtaining justice from the school committee that I have deemed it right to call the matter to the attention of the voters of the town.

EUGENE SHORLEY.

TOWN MATTERS.

Remember that every vote will count, next Monday.

Read your tickets carefully before voting. Split tickets will be in abundance.

Don't stay away from town meeting thinking that there will be enough there to do the business right without you.

The license men are expecting to carry the day, this year, without fail; and they will, unless *every one* opposed to license makes it a point to be on hand, ready to cast his vote promptly.

Action on the appropriations, and most of the other business articles in the warrant will probably be postponed to an adjourned meeting, as has been done for the past two years with such advantage.

Unrestricted license is what the liquor men are after this year. The sale of liquor has not been entirely stopped the past year, by considerable, but there has been a good deal more restriction to the square inch than is at all agreeable to those who sell, and very much more than there will be the coming year, if they can help it.

It would be an advantage to the town to separate the boards of selectmen and overseers of the poor, putting in some good men for the last-named office and continuing them in office for a term of years. In this way the board would become familiar with the records and be much better able to render the town valuable service than is now possible with the frequent changes in the board.

The question of a high school building is one that will have to be met and settled soon, if it is not this year. The school committee, who should be competent judges on this point, are unanimous in the opinion that there is urgent need of a new building for the school, which requires more room than can be had in the present structure. A good high school building, with apparatus for the proper study of the sciences is what the town ought, and is able to have. Whether the voters are ready to incur the whole expense this year is a question that can be better determined when it is ascertained what the probable cost would be; but something should be done, if it is nothing more than the purchase of land for it. Desirable lots are growing smaller in number every year.

"Palmer" wishes us to present the following names as good ones to pick from in making up the board of selectmen: Enos Calkins, William Brainerd, Hubbard Lawrence, E. B. Gates, John P. Barnes, E. L. Davis, William A. Hastings, Merrick Whitney, O. P. Allen. It is certain that there will be no scarcity of candidates next Monday. There is quite a general disposition to continue Mr. Loomis on the board, and one possible ticket, and a good one, will bear his name and that of E. G. Murdock, with perhaps Joseph Kerigan, or Dr. S. Ruggles for the third man. Three Rivers wants a member of the board, and there is talk there of a ticket bearing the names of E. G. Murdock, S. Ruggles and David Knox; while the advocates of license are understood to favor a ticket with the names of H. A. Northrop, D. B. Bishop and Joseph Kerigan.

BONDSVILLE.

The ladies of the M. E. church will hold an oyster supper at the church vestry next Wednesday evening, with a musical and literary entertainment.

WEST BRIMFIELD.

Geo. A. Hitchcock has been appointed baggage master at West Warren.

Miss Jennie Eastman has been staying at West Warren for a while. She expects to return this week.

The recent accident at West Warren, by which two freight cars were thrown from the track, obliged Station Agent King to be up pretty much all night.

HAMPDEN.

A successful liquor raid was made in this place last Saturday afternoon. Deputy Sheriffs Hersey and Bumstead of Springfield, and Abbott and Merrick of West Springfield searched several places, and found whisky and gin at Lawrence and James McCarty's, whisky at Elbridge Vinica's and William Seeger's, and gin and lager beer at John Kaises'.

WILBRAHAM.

The Willing Workers will meet with Misses Ida and Lilla Bolles to-morrow afternoon.

These officers were chosen at the annual meeting of the Congregational parish Monday afternoon: Parish committee, Phineas Knowlton, John Spaight, Ethelbert Bliss; treasurer, C. E. Peck; clerk, H. M. Bliss; parish loan committee, Henry Clark; collector, C. A. Corbin.

NORTH WILBRAHAM.

Dr. Fox will preach at the chapel Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

The selectmen would like all bills presented by to-morrow night, as the fiscal year closes on that date.

Last Tuesday night F. H. Strickland, section master on the B. & A. road, fell under his hand-car, while getting his flag in order to flag a train, and his leg was run over, breaking both bones below the knee. Dr. Holbrook of Palmer attended him, and expects to save the limb.

WEST WARREN.

The store of William Clark was broken into Saturday night. An entrance was effected by breaking a large pane of glass in the front door. About $50 in money was taken. The drug store of Mr. Hennebry was also broken into the first of this week, evidently by the same parties who entered Clark's store. Hennebry was in the habit of leaving the key in the rear door, and this the thieves no doubt knew, as they broke a small hole in the glass of the door, and reached through and turned the key. About $25 worth of pipes, candy, etc., was taken.

BRIMFIELD.

Rev. H. L. Hastings of Boston, editor of *The Christian*, is expected to preach in the Congregational church next Sunday morning and evening.

Notwithstanding the unfavorable weather, the ball on Friday eve of the pupils of J. L. Bacon's dancing school was a success. About 60 couples were present.

On Sunday Rev. L. W. Pierce of Boston preached at the First church. In the evening he gave a lecture in the vestry, subject, "Two Sabbaths in Paris," wherein he showed the difference in the observance of the day as compared with its observance here.

THORNDIKE.

Blessed are the sewer-makers, for they shall inherit the earth.

It is said that no one in the village questions the predictions of Jan. 1st.

The funeral of Waterman Fuller, an old and well-known resident of the town, was held at his late residence Thursday at 1 p. m.

Baird A. Farr, for the past four terms teacher of the village grammar school, has resigned to accept a more lucrative position in New Jersey.

The Thorndike company started up on full time Monday morning, with a notification of a 10 per cent cut down. A large number of employes at once sent in their resignation.

Rev. C. H. Ricketts has positively declined to again be a candidate for school committee. As this village ought to be represented on the board, the name of G. A. Murdock is prominently suggested.

The part of the town north of the "Tropic of Cancer" was the scene of considerable hilarity Tuesday afternoon. It was the mingling of the kindred spirits of a few of our young people. Palmer Depot was fully represented, whose convivial tendencies were equalled only by those of the jovial hostess. There was music, feasting, but very little dancing outside of the snow drifts.

WARREN.

E. T. Hayden has opened a tailor shop over the Boston store.

The Indians still remain in town, and have full houses every evening.

All the schools close to-day for a two weeks' vacation. Most of the teachers will return.

Crescent division have an oyster supper in their room on the evening of the seventeenth.

A Vermont man by the name of Snow succeeds Mr. Stevens in charge of the town farm.

The Ladies' Home Mission society met at the house of Mr. Danforth Keyes Wednesday evening.

Frank J. Hall has been engaged to take charge of the Adams town farm, and has commenced his new duties.

The $5000 given the public library by the late Mr Knowles is not to be paid during the life time of his wife.

The superintendent of the Congregational Sabbath school presented the teacher and members of the infant class a certificate of stock in the "Morning Star."

At the town meeting which was called Tuesday to vote upon the question of an addition to the high school building to accommodate the children in that part of the district the majority voted against building at present.

LUDLOW.

Owing to the weight of snow and ice on the horse sheds at the Methodist church they all collapsed last Tuesday evening, doing no other damage, however.

Mr. Damon of Minnesota, son of Dexter Damon of Ohio, and formerly of Ludlow, has been in town this week, settling up the estate of the late Alden Damon, his uncle.

At the annual town meeting on Monday W. D. Fuller was elected clerk and treasurer, B. F. Burr, Franklin Bramble and Chas. F. Grosvenor, selectmen; H. S. Jones, A. F. Nash assessors; C. L. Buell, school committee for three years; J. W. Hubbard, tax collector; J. W. Hubbard, E. P. Miller and J. A. Gould, constables. The appropriation for highways and bridges was $2050; poor, $1500; schools, $3500; town charges, $1500. The town voted no license, 52 to 13.

The Harvest Club met with their new members, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fuller, last Wednesday afternoon and evening. Owing to the unpleasantness of the weather the members of the club were not all present, but those who braved the storm and slush felt amply paid for their trouble. The host spared no pains for the entertainment of his guests, and after a very enjoyable repast the club discussed the question of "Farm Implements." Not finishing the question satisfactorily it was voted to continue it at the next meeting.

MONSON.

F. O. Peabody is to remove his jewelry business to Waterbury, Ct., April 1st.

Frank E. Bills has opened jewelry and repair rooms the first door north of Bills' store.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel McIntyre of Wellfleet, have been visiting their daughter and friends for the past few days.

He says that the information one gets by going to a sewing circle and keeping quiet, is well worth the price of admission.

Mrs. Dallie Chaffee, an 1812 pensioner, 88 years of age, fell on the ice on Tuesday and broke her hip, and fears are entertained of her recovery.

The quartette at the mum supper of the Methodist society Wednesday evening would have been better appreciated had the words been spoken more distinctly.

The ladies of the Universalist society will hold a social at Central Hall next Thursday evening. The usual supper, with an entertainment consisting of an auction sale of mummies, recitations, singing, etc.

Geo. W. Burdick has concluded to make the north part of his shop and the shed connected with it into a wagon shop, instead of using the Glynn stand, and will thus have all branches under his immediate supervision.

Dr. L. Simonson, a chiropodist from New York, is to be at the Monson House for a few days, where he will treat all who may need his services. He comes well recommended as a man who is bound to corn-cure.

In the South Monson primary school Walter King, Ralph Munn, Frankie Shaw and Willie Sullivan were not absent during the winter term. Hugh McGuire, Willie Moulton and Freddie Moores have not been absent during the entire school year.

The young men's dramatic club of St. Patrick's church are to give a dramatic and musical entertainment at Central hall next Monday evening. The 3-act drama, "The False Friend," will be presented, and artists from Worcester and Boston are to furnish the musical part of the programme.

The soldiers' monument presented to the town by Cyrus W. Holmes, will be finished and set up early in the season, and it is probable that it will be duly dedicated on the fourth of July. There is talk of a citizens' meeting to make arrangements for the event, and it is hoped that Gen. J. H. Hawley may be secured as orator on the occasion.

The matter of choosing overseers of the poor, as well as selectmen, separately, is being discussed, and will probably be brought before the town for consideration at the coming annual meeting, and it is also thought best by some to have them chosen for one, two and three years, that a former member may hold over. The subject of roads will undoubtedly be duly discussed, many favoring the road commissioners for one, two and three years, while others appear to have confidence in the highway surveyor method of former times.

NEWS MORSELS.

Oranges are cheaper than apples at St. John, N. B.

Dried orange peel is used for kindling fires in Florida.

The greatest known depth of the Atlantic ocean is five miles.

There are now only 18,000 Quakers in Great Britain and Ireland.

The new directory of Philadelphia contains the names of nearly 3000 Smiths.

One of the ladies at a ball in London a short time ago wore a skirt trimmed with dead robins.

An English critic suggests that the cover of Queen Victoria's book ought to have been brown.

The people of Waukesha county, Pa., are excited over a reported discovery of diamonds there.

The hotels in Naples charge $1 for a piece of ice that can be bought in this country for a cent.

It is estimated that a million tons of ice have been harvested on the Kennebec river the past season.

It is expected that the Washington monument will be completed early in December of this year.

A Cleveland (Ohio) thief has trained dogs to steal newspapers from doorsteps and take them to him.

The negroes of Charlotte, N. C., have caught the salvation army idea, and are holding meetings daily.

The policemen of Philadelphia are greatly disturbed because Mayor King has appointed a negro on the force.

It is reported that over $2,000,000 of New England money was invested in North Carolina gold mines last year.

H. B. Plant, who, it is said, has done more to develop Florida than any other man, is reported to be worth $20,000,000.

The supreme court has ruled that a "pass book" is proper evidence to be used against a man who disputes his grocer's bill.

The Clipper base ball club have organized for the coming season with the following players and officers: T. Haley, catcher; G. McGrath, pitcher; G. Wheat, 1st base; C. Brown, 2d base; W. Kelly, 3d base; J. McGrath, short stop; R. McCarthy, left field and catcher; E. McBride, center field; C. Cregan, right field and pitcher; D. Riley, substitute. Officers—F. Caryl, manager and treasurer; P. Mulvany, assistant manager; D. Nolan, J. W. Clark, J. Kennedy, W. Cannavan, T. McBride, J. B. Kennedy, directors; T. McBride, scorer; C. Cregan, secretary; G. McGrath, captain; W. Kelly, assistant captain. Arrangements are being made for a game on Fast Day.—*Ware Standard.*

The Bridgeport Salvation army is still on deck, and comes up again smiling as ever. On Tuesday night three soldiers were arrested for parading the streets without a permit, and were released on bonds, but later in the evening were again arrested for disturbing the peace, and fined $17 and costs. Captain Hunter says the constitution gives every man the privilege of worshiping God as he pleases, and that he has a right to do so by blowing horns and banging drums if he wishes to.

A 12-years-old lad was severely injured in a singular manner at Pittsfield last Saturday. While standing looking in at a store window his feet slipped and he fell. His chin struck a showcase which was standing on the sidewalk with such force as to break the glass, pieces of which cut his throat in a terrible manner, making a gash three inches long, and leaving the windpipe and jugular vein exposed, but fortunately uninjured.

The *A B C Pathfinder* for March is a volume which is indispensable to any one who wishes to find the running time of any railroad or steamboat line in New England. The March number is at hand, and will be gladly welcomed by travelers.

Wallace Ross, the New Brunswick oarsman, defeated George Bubear in a four and one-half mile race on the Thames at London, Monday. Bubear was given 10 seconds start, and Ross finished in 26 minutes 10 seconds.

Numerous discoveries of mica have been made in Georgia. In Madison county, especially, great quantities have been developed. The deposits are a continuation of the North Carolina mines, and the quality is said to be excellent.

A St. Louis pitcher is said to have invented a new curve which he dubs "the patent combined tripartite quadruple quiver." The ball looks to the batsman like a cube, and seems to make three curves at once.

Forty cents a week is all that it costs John W. Nissley of Mount Carmel, Penn., who is 66 years old and weighs 175 pounds, to live. His diet is dry bread and hot water, and has been so for the last seven years.

Montreal is a real "city of churches." The French Catholics alone support 60 churches, and their cathedral, which has accommodated 15,000 people, is the largest sacred building on this continent.

Lieut. J. W. Danenhower, of the Jeannette exploring expedition, was married at Oswego, N. Y., on Wednesday to Helen Laflin, only daughter of George B. Sloan, ex-speaker of the assembly.

A horse in Norwalk, Ct., after occupying one stall for ten years was removed to new quarters, and for several days evidently suffered from home sickness. He was very uneasy and refused to eat.

A correspondent of the Liverpool *Mercury* declares that one ounce of cream of tartar dissolved in one pint of boiling water, drunk cold at short intervals, is a sure prophylactic and cure of small-pox.

One of the wealthiest firms in the state of Maine is composed of two brothers of Augusta, whose only original capital was $5000, which their sister recovered in a breach of promise suit.

A log cabin plastered with earth containing gold and silver ore to the amount of $2000 to the ton was built in the South Park, Col. Its value ascertained, the house was, of course, torn down.

A 14-years-old Brooklyn girl gets $950 from the owner of a laundry where she lost one hand, under the law forbidding the employing of minors in work which endangers life or limb.

A singular accident happened lately at a mill in Nashville, Tenn. A workman was thrown toward the circular saw, and evidently thinking he would strike it, died from fright.

Resolution by the miners of Alene, Dakota: "Not a Chinaman shall ever enter the diggings unless he climbs a tree, with one end of a lariat over a limb."

Magazines, Etc.

The Art Interchange of February 14th contains a beautiful design in color—"The Butterfly Fairy." It shows a cupid being driven through the clouds by a multitude of brilliantly colored butterflies; a number of gracefully disposed birds completes a very charming design, and one which is specially adapted to painting upon silk or satin. Other attractive Illustrations are six designs for a fish set. These are beautiful and unique. A crab-apple design for a panel, and another from the Royal school of Art Needlework at South Kensington, for sketching on linen, are both to be commended. A charming woodland scene is given as a suggestion for crayon work, and another (an artistic marine) as a study for pen-and-ink sketch. A beautiful border design for embroidery, from the Royal School of Art Needlework at South Kensington, England, is another example of good design. In the "Notes and Queries" department, house decoration, oil mineral, and water-color painting, brass hammering, and kindred art topics are intelligently discussed. The "Open Questions"—for best answers to which a prize of five dollars is given—deal in this issue with the advisability of opening art galleries to the public on Sundays. A charming plaque design in color, by Walter Satterlee, is announced for *The Art Interchange* of February 28th. This issue will also contain a beautiful study in black and white of the scarlet African Hibiscus; an exquisite picture showing a deer in a winter forest; besides floral designs for tiles, etc.
WM. WHITLOCK, Publisher, 140 Nassau St., N. Y.

The March *Century* has a fine frontispiece, Von Moltke's portrait, which with the character portrait of Irving as Hamlet lend great interest to the number. Miss Helen Zimmern details the remarkable story of the life of Count Von Moltke, and J. Rankin Towse gives a pointed estimate of Henry Irving's dramatic art. The paper on "The Next Presidency," by ex-Attorney Wayne McVeigh, is an analysis of the political situation, on a cutting satire on the men who are responsible for abuses which await the the reforming hand of the right Kind of President. Another important essay, by H. McG. Means, discusses methods for "The Suppression of Pauperism." And here it is appropriate to mention some of the subjects in "Topics of the Time," "A Christian wall for American Art," "The Christian League of Connecticut," "The Independent Voter in the next Campaign," while in "Open Letters" the Rev. Dr. Charles S. Robinson continues his suggestive and humorous criticism of church music, J. C. Schaffer of "Suggestions Regarding Temperance Work," Mary B. Willard of "High License," and the anonymous author of "The Bread-winners" replies forcibly to strictures upon his story. The illustrated papers are description of "The New Washington," considered both in material and social aspects. The writer is a well-known author, who is intimately acquainted with Washington life. Richard Grant White writes about "Old Public Buildings in America," and the pictures explain as well as embellish. The second paper of Mr. Benjamin's "Cruise of the Alice May" deals with the south-west coast of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, as far north as Cape Gaspe. Miss Sarah Freeman Clarke's first half of her "Notes on the Exile of Dante" is illustrated by Harry Fenn, after sketches by the writer. John Burroughs describes, in a very pleasant way, "A Hunt for the Nightingale," in England. The fiction of the number includes the fourth part of Robert Grant's "An Average Man," the fifth of Mr. Cable's "Dr. Sevier," and a short story, by Octave Thanet, dealing with social prejudice in a Western city, and entitled "Mrs. Finlay's Elizabethan Chair." The poems are by Sidney Lanier, John Vance Cheney, James Herbert Morse, Hamilton Aide, Rose Hawthorne Lathrop, Helen Gray Cone, Frank Dempster Sherman, and others.

The *American Agriculturist* is a grand number of this sterling farm journal. Every page is filled with hints and suggestions, made more impressive by explanatory engravings. There are 97 columns of editorial matter, including 125 seasonable subjects, and 126 illustrations. The full-page engraving "Thrifty and Thriftless," enforces an important truth in rural economy. "A Southern Planter's Home," "Prize Shorthorn Cow," "Jersey Huroe Pig," "Huckleberries," "Out of the waters," and "Fishing for Sponges," are among the large engravings. Good Stanchions, Farm Fences, Chicken Coops, Complete Piggery, Duck Houses, Fish Trap, Barberries, Carnations, Plant Stand and Remodelled Barn, are also fully Illustrated. Among the contributors are: Prof. S. R. Thompson, Orange Judd, Dr. Geo. Thurber, W. E. Stone, J. Bartlett, E. B. Pierce, F. D. Curtis, D. Z. Evans, C. F. Seiss, E. A. Long, and Agnes (Carr) Sage. Mr. David W. Judd continues his Editorial Notes of Western Travel. The great inducements now offered should bring this leading journal to every family. Yearly subscription $1.50. Single number 15 cents. ORANGE JUDD CO., Publishers, 751 Broadway, N. Y.

Outing and the Wheelman for March has a pretty snow scene for a frontispiece, with winter and summer both in its contents. A tennis sketch illustrated by Arlo Bates has the first place and is quite interesting. The leaves from Mr. Chadbourne's Journal of his entomological studies on a bicycling tour give a modicum of science to the number, and is set off by butterfly pictures. Commodore Jones describes a trip on skates from Hartford to Springfield, done in three hours, with the assistance of one of those swift Norwegian rigs of sails that make every man his own ice-yacht. Good fiction in the number is a breezy out-door story, begun by President Bates, called The Marquilloupe, and it has a fine description of a storm, which is by a man who knows what he is writing about. Mr. Ritchie has an excellent poem description of swimming the rapids. *Outing* is steadily gaining attention from the public, and is filling, satisfactorily, a broad and attractive field.

Michel Cheverne, the noted French chemist and director of the Gobelin's factory, has no idea of being laid upon the shelf, though he is close on to 78. He was placed upon the retired list recently, but made such a fuss about it that he was restored to the position he had filled for 60 years. The old man is constantly at work, and allows himself but two minutes for each of his two daily meals.

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At Three Rivers, 10th, by Rev. B. F. Joy, JOSEPH MAFOTT and CORNELIA BRESSETT.
At Parsonsfield, Me., 4th, by Rev. Wm. Cotton, assisted by Rev. E. S. Best of Monson, EDWARD H. BEST of Boston and NELLIE ROBERTS of Parsonsfield.

DIED.

At Palmer, 10th, WATERMAN FULLER, 87 years and 6 months.
At Thorndike, 13th, of heart disease, FRANKLIN STEARNS, 80 years, 1 month and 13 days.
At Bondsville, 12th, JOHN SCANLON, 87.

LOST.—Between Palmer and Stafford, on the evening of the 11th, a gentleman's Worsted Scarf. The finder will be suitably rewarded by leaving the same at the Weeks House, Palmer, or with R. S. Hicks, Stafford National Bank.

NOTICE.—Having given my son, Ernest Eugene Towne, his time, I shall collect none of his wages nor pay any debts of his contracting after this date. WM. B. TOWNE.
Enfield, Mass., March 13, 1884. 3w51

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE PALMER NATIONAL BANK, at Palmer, in the State of Mass., at the close of business, March 7th, 1884.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts,	$309,215 69
Overdrafts,	8,061 58
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation,	75,000 00
Due from approved reserve agents,	10,462 98
Real estate, furniture and fixtures,	1,300 00
Current expenses and taxes paid,	2,368 55
Checks and other cash items,	72 49
Bills of other Banks,	2,266 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and pennies,	46 74
Specie,	5,810 00
Legal tender notes,	2,516 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer, (5% of circulation,)	3,375 00
TOTAL,	$420,495 04

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in,	$150,000 00
Surplus fund,	34,000 00
Undivided profits,	9,240 40
National Bank notes outstanding,	66,000 00
Dividends unpaid,	33 00
Individual deposits subject to check,	77,877 67
Demand certificates of deposit,	75,297 33
Notes and bills re-discounted,	8,046 64
TOTAL,	$420,495 04

State of Mass., County of Hampden, ss.
I, Chas. B. Fisk, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
CHAS. B. FISK, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of March, 1884. S. S. TAFT, Notary Public.
L. S.
CORRECT—Attest:
L. E. MOORE,
J. F. HOLBROOK,
JAS. B. SHAW, } Directors.

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RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts,	$379,609 74
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation,	300,000 00
Other stocks, bonds and mortgages,	2,000 00
Due from approved reserve agents,	10,732 79
Real estate, furniture and fixtures,	5,785 30
Current expenses and taxes paid,	2,655 46
Premiums paid,	18,750 00
Bills of other Banks,	12,393 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and pennies,	440 32
Specie,	7,550 00
Legal tender notes,	4,000 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer, (5% of circulation),	13,500 00
TOTAL,	$756,022 61

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in,	$300,000 00
Surplus fund,	60,000 00
Undivided profits,	33,404 88
National Bank notes outstanding,	270,000 00
Dividends unpaid,	222 00
Individual deposits subject to check,	81,702 24
Demand certificates of deposit,	10,693 49
TOTAL,	$756,022 61

State of Mass., county of Hampshire, ss:
I, William S. Hyde, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
WILLIAM S. HYDE, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of March, 1884. FREDERICK D. GILMORE, Notary Public.
CORRECT—Attest:
WILLIAM HYDE,
CALVIN HITCHCOCK,
WILLIAM S. HYDE, } Directors.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE MONSON NATIONAL BANK, at Monson, in the State of Mass., at the close of business, March 7, 1884.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts,	$173,763 25
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation,	162,000 00
Other stocks, bonds and mortgages,	50,115 28
Due from approved reserve agents,	14,651 85
Due from other National Banks,	2,828 14
Real estate, furniture and fixtures,	2,500 00
Current expenses and taxes paid,	613 23
Checks and other cash items,	2 07
Bills of other Banks,	1,545 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and pennies,	35 26
Specie,	894 00
Legal tender notes,	194 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer, (5% of circulation,)	4,650 00
TOTAL,	$413,795 08

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in,	$150,000 00
Surplus fund,	30,000 00
Undivided profits,	44,029 13
National Bank notes outstanding,	142,335 00
Dividends unpaid,	965 00
Individual deposits subject to check,	34,612 74
Demand certificates of deposit,	5,064 45
Due to other National Banks,	1,840 51
Premium account,	4,948 25
TOTAL,	$413,795 08

State of Massachusetts, county of Hampden, ss:
I, E. F. Morris, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
E. F. MORRIS, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of March, 1884. GEO. H. NEWTON, Notary Public.
L. S.
CORRECT—Attest:
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ALFRED NORCROSS,
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TOWN WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

HAMPDEN, ss.—To H. A. Northrop, Constable of the Town of Palmer, Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the town of Palmer qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet at the Town House in said Palmer, on Monday, the 17th day of March next, at ten o'clock, a. m., to act on the following articles, viz:

Article 1.—To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2.—To determine the number of Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Assessors, School Committee, and Constables the town will elect for the ensuing year.

Art. 3.—To act upon the reports of the Selectmen, School Committee, and other town officers.

Art. 4.—To see if the town will vote to determine the compensation of the Collector of taxes for the ensuing year.

Art. 5.—To see if the town will allow a discount upon the taxes that may be assessed for the ensuing year.

Art. 6.—To determine the manner the town will take to collect the taxes that may be assessed for the ensuing year, and state the terms and conditions of the same.

Art. 7.—To elect all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

Art. 8.—To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the current expenses of the town for the ensuing year, and appropriate money for the same.

Art. 9.—To see if the town will authorize its treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the taxes for the current year, the same to be paid from said taxes.

Art. 10.—To determine the manner of repairing the highways and bridges for the ensuing year.

Art. 11.—To see if the town will continue to hire the rooms now occupied for a lockup and tramp room.

Art. 12.—To vote by ballot, which shall be, "yes" or "no," according to provisions of Chapter 54 of acts of 1881, in answer to the question, "Shall licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors be granted in this town?"

Art. 13.—To see what action the town will take in regard to choosing a board of health.

Art. 14.—To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as revised by the Selectmen.

Art. 15.—To hear reports of committees and act thereon.

Art. 16.—To choose committees and give them instructions.

Art. 17.—To see if the town will make an appropriation for the benefit of the Young Men's Library Association.

Art. 18.—To see if the town will raise money for celebration of Decoration Day, or toward building a Soldiers' monument, and appropriate money for the same.

Art. 19.—To see if the town will accept of the provisions of Chapter 158, acts of 1871, being entitled, An act to provide for the selection of road commissioners.

Art. 20.—To see if the town will vote to pay Austin Woodard, Jr., the sum of Five Hundred dollars in settlement of claim for damages for injuries received through a defect in the highway in November 1882.

Art. 21.—To see if the town will increase the number of the committee on Town History.

Art. 22.—To see what action the town will take in regard to letting private families enter the sewers in town.

Art. 23.—To see what action the town will take in relation to draining Church and Pleasant streets in the Depot village.

Art. 24.—To see if the town will grade the hill and widen the highway at Stimpson Hill so called upon the highway leading from Palmer Center to Ware, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

Art. 25.—To see if the town will vote to sell the whole or any part of the land owned by the town near the old church building at Palmer Center and make a conveyance of the same.

Art. 26.—To see if the town will accept a town way as laid out by the Selectmen in the Depot village, from Main street south-westerly under the tracks of Ware River and the New London Northern Railroads, thence north-westerly past the Foundry of Edgerton & Davis to the Lumber yard of F. P. Mavey.

Art. 27.—To see if the town will vote to pay the Notes of Reubin and Pamelia Rogers.

Art. 28.—To see if the town will vote to establish a watering trough at the Depot village and raise and appropriate money for the same.

Art. 29.—To see if the town will vote to accept Sections 10 and 11 of Chapter 54 of the Public Statutes. Also Chapter 242 of the Statutes of the year 1867.

Art. 30.—To see what action the town will take concerning a new high school building and to raise and appropriate money therefor.

The polls will be open at ten o'clock a. m., and close at two o'clock p. m. The names of Selectmen, Overseers of Poor, Assessors, School Committee and Constables, who are voted for, must be all on one ballot. Town Clerk and Treasurer on a separate ballot. And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the different public places designated by the vote of the town, seven days, at least, before the holding of said meeting, and cause this warrant to be printed in the Palmer JOURNAL, at least two issues before the holding of said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, on or before the holding of said meeting.

Given under our hands this first day of March, A. D. 1884.

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HAMPDEN SS. COURT OF PROBATE.

In the matter of the estate of Thomas Mullen, late of Monson in said county deceased, said estate having been declared insolvent and the undersigned having been appointed commissioners, notice is hereby given that a meeting will be held at the office of Allen Webster, No. 438 Main St., Springfield, Mass., on Tuesday, March 25th, 1884, at ten o'clock a. m., at which time said commissioners will receive and examine all claims of creditors against said estate, and hear the parties thereon.
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C. L. GARDNER, Administrator.
Palmer, Feb. 14, 1884.

NOTICE is hereby given that the subscriber has been duly appointed administratrix of the estate of Lorin A. Bliss, late of Monson, in the county of Hampden, deceased; and has taken upon herself that trust by giving bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—HAMPDEN SS. PROBATE COURT.—To the next of kin, creditors and all other persons interested in the estate of Julia McGillicuddy, late of Palmer, in said county, deceased, intestate:
Whereas, application has been made to said court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased, to William Holbrook of Palmer, in the county of Hampden,
You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Springfield, in said county of Hampden, on the first Tuesday of April next, at nine o'clock before noon, to show cause, if any you have, against granting the same.
And the applicant is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once a week, for three successive weeks, in the newspaper called the Palmer Journal, published at Palmer, the last publication to be two days, at least, before said court.
Witness, William S. Shurtleff, Esquire, Judge of said court, this fourth day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four.
3t49 SAMUEL B. SPOONER, Register.

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Situated in the westerly part of the town of Palmer, Mass., about one mile westerly of Three Rivers village, in said Palmer, on each side of the main road from said Three Rivers to Springfield, containing about 120 acres of land, well divided into mowing, pasturing, tillage and wood land, and a thrifty young orchard that has borne good apples; also plums, cranberries, cherries and grapes. One good dwelling house with nine rooms and wood shed. One large barn, with shed attached, and a good horse barn, nearly new, with shed for carriages, a good hen house and ice house, and a good well of water, and a good stream of water near said house and passing through the pastures, and has been used for irrigating the mowlug. The reason for selling is the former owners are deceased. For further particulars inquire of Mrs. J. Miller, South Hadley Falls, or of Enos Calkins, Palmer, Mass., who will be pleased to show the premises to those who wish to purchase a farm.
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The Sunbeam.

You pretty sunbeam, I have tried
To catch you all the day,
But when I'm near you go and hide,
Or run some other way.

There, do not dance so very fast,
You're playing with the sun;
Say, will you come to me at last,
And let us have some fun?

O, sunbeam, now you *are* unkind,
To lead me such a chase;
You're gone again, and I can't find
Your secret hiding-place.

You must come back and say good-by;
Then what do you think I'd do?
Why, set a cunning trap, and try
To catch and *keep* you, too.

EARLY DAYS OF PALMER.

PAPER READ BY DR. W. H. STOWE BEFORE THE PALMER MEETING OF "OUR CLUB."

PART II.

This goodly town has been called by several different names, the first of which, as already stated, was Wombemesisicoek, so called by the indians. Then the first white man who came called it "The Elbows," Elbow Tract, and Elbow Plantation, from the several sharp curves the river makes in passing through the town. In 1731 it is recorded as Kingsfield, in 1745 as Kingstown, which name it bore till 1752, when it was incorporated as Palmer, in memory of a relative of Lieut. Gov. Phipp, by that name, who had recently died in Scotland. There are several places which were named in these early days by the first comers, that now bear other less euphonious names, but I like the idea of perpetuating the old names, and so I give some of them, hoping they may restore in honor of those who first saw and named them. "Mount Dumplin" is so called in the earliest records, 1728, and the brook at its base "Dumplin Hill Brook." The origin of the name is not known. The ravine east of it is called "Break Neck Hollow." The ridge east of this village is called in the old surveys "Thamer Hill," and the spring where the Kings are said to have spent the first night in town, as "Thamer Spring," and the run leading from it as "Thamer Run." The brook which runs past the Carpet Mill was called "King's Brook." The pond on the farm owned by Geo. Brown was "Crawford's Pond." Ware River was "Nenamesick," Hog-hill was "Mount Potaquotock." Newell's pond and the smaller one hear it, "Great and Little Potaquotock Ponds." The stream leading into the larger pond "Potaquotock Brook." The stream that flows past Palmer Center, "Cedar swamp Brook." It has its rise in Cedar swamp. I have never been able to learn the name of the hill west of the old center, and several other prominent points.

And now we will follow the affairs of the Elbows, etc., as they aspire to organization and to obtain recognition among the sisterhood of towns. To show the value that they attached to records, I copy from the inside of the cover of the "Granters Record Book," the three following maxims. The first is at the top, the second in the middle, and the last at the bottom of the cover.

"There is no averment against a Record."

"Matters of Record must not be proved by witness."

"Records must speak for their selves."

We will now let the "records speak" and tell us of the first town meeting, which is thus recorded:

"Kingsfield, May the 6, 1731. Voted at a Town Meeting of this place that ye Revd. John Harvey Shoubl be continued our minister for a nother quarter. Pr. James Mackilwean Cl. Also voted that Mr. James Dorchester, Mick Tusle, Joseph flimond and W. fauard be ye men to Go to Every Inhabitant of this place to Know whether they are willing Mr. Harvey Stays a nother Quarter and to Receive votes of Such as are willing to pay their proportion in ordr to Support Said Minister.

Jes. Mackelwean Cl. voted that what grane Mr. Harvey takes toward his Rates, he is to have as follows, to wit. Wheat night shillings pur bushel; Riy. Six; Indian-corn, fower."

The first meeting held when other than church affairs were acted upon, was in 1732, and it would seem that one of the Mackilweans was at Boston looking after the welfare of the town at that early day, though what his mission was is not stated, but it must have been of some importance to them as they voted not to send him any money, but to send John King, if Mr. Pynchon thought best, from which it seems that Pynchon was their legal adviser in town affairs, as he was to all the towns around Springfield, in those days.

Jan. 3, 1732. A town meatten Warned and attended, Joseph Wright Chosen modrator, Voted to know the minds of the People whether they would lend money to Soport Mackilwain at Boston upon the town bisnes and voted In the negative. Chosen att the same timeif there was nead upon Mr. Pynchon's advice-Senudling to assist him Mr. John King.

The first legal town meeting was held Aug. 7 and 8, 1733, at the house of Ebenezer Merrick, Wm. Pynchon was the moderator. He came from Springfield to make the meeting a legal one under the laws of the crown, and to start the town machinery right. There were thirteen articles in the warrant and it took two days to act upon them, the records of which cover three and one-half pages of fools cap.

And now the town meetings were often called. Some were harmonious, but they were often stormy, and to keep them in good *spirits* they could adjourn every hour or two to the "tavern" for the space of fifteen minutes, and then back and at it again.

The first church was built at the Center in 1735, and was 30 by 36 feet. Mr. Wilson in his centenial address, says it was located where the old church now stands. But that could not be, according to the records, but was "built as near as convenient" to the old one, and by the survey of the old burying ground, it would locate it across the road, nearly opposite the present site. The surveyors began at "an oak Bush with a great Ston Rolled ag'st it, stauding about ten Rods South East of the Meeting House, being the Norwest corner of the Burying place," etc. At a meeting held Sept. 15, 1796, a committee of nine men was chosen to "stake out the corners of the new proposed meeting house," and Col. Eben Webber, Lt. James Smith, Mr. Aaron Merrick, Ct. Alpheus Converse, Lt. Uriah Ward, Mr. Moses Shaw, Ct. David Spear, Ct. Thomas McClanathan and Ct. John King were chosen. They went out and soon came in and reported "not agreed." Then voted to send them out again, and while they were out they adjourned the meeting till Nov. 7, when the committee were agreed and "had staked the corners of the New Meeting House to stand Et.-No.-Et. of the Old Meeting house. It was then put to vote if they would accept of the Report of the Committee, and it passed in the negative. Not accepted." Meeting adjourned to Nov. 22. Evidently the committee did not relish this treatment, and so did not appear at this meeting, in order to be even with them, and so they adjourned till Dec. 1, at which the report as given above was accepted and the present structure was erected during the summer of 1797.

There is another point which is still subjudice, and that is the location of the first saw mill, in regard to which there is quite a diversity of opinion, and I have sought for some record to give its exact location, and think I can prove to your entire satisfaction that the first mill was built at the end of the pond where the present mill stands. Any one taking the most casual glance at the lay of land at the other reputed site of the first mill, would say at once that a mill could be built there, but there would be no water to run it after it was built, and I am told on good authority that the little round pond is eight inches higher than the Potaquotock pond when it is full, even with the eight or ten feet that it has been raised by the present dam. So it could not have been the site of the first mill. In the old records I find the following entry: "On Tuesday, the eighth day of Sept. 1730, the foundation of the dam at the northeast corner of Potaquotock pond was laid. On the 14 day of Oct. 1730, Potqauotock saw mill first raised, and on the 5 day of March next the saw mill first went." On the 13 day of Dec. 1732, the saw mill was burned down, and it stood after it was raised two years and two months, wanting two days. After it first went it stood but one year, nine months and eight days.

The second saw mill at Potaquotock pond, rebuilt in ye same spot. It was raised on the 8th day of Oct. 1733, and first went on 6th day of Nov. 1734, and on ye 29 day of of April 1736, it was undermined by ye water and broke down after it had stood two years, six months and 21 days, and after it first went, one year five months and 23 days.

The third saw mill at Potaquotock Pond, rebuilt on a new spot. It was raised on monday, the Twentieth day of Sept. 1736, and first went on ye fifth day of May 1737.

The grist mill was raised Oct. 26, 1737, and first went Jan. ye 2, 1738.

I think the idea that the first mill was built at the place where Rev. M. Wilson and others have located it, is from the old records saying that it was at the north east corner of Potaquotock Pond.

I find that the survey of a ten acre lot laid out to Steward Southgate, for building the first saw mill began on the bank of Ware river extended east only 26 rods etc., and this survey "included his house, saw mill and improvements thereabouts, also the stone and Gravel Dam and the gravel pit." The survey extends 51 rods on the river. I also find a survey of land to Patrick Smith, April 19, 1739, that says "we began the Survey at a Little Walnut Stadle and Stones at ye Root, Standing on the the Bank of Ware river a Little above the old sawmill Spott, etc." This I think clinches the whole matter and leaves nothing more to be said.

The first Representative to the provincial congress, was Capt. Daniel Spear, who was elected at "a meeting held by adjournment at the publick meeting House, on Tuesday the 17 day of Jan. 1775, at twelve of the clock at noon. Tho meeting being opened upon the fourth article, voted that Capt. David Spear should attend the Provincial Congress, to be holden at Cambridge the first of Feb. next succeeding."

And in the record of a town meeting held April 17, 1775, they voted on the 4th article that if there be more money in the treasury than to purchase the town stock of ammunition that the said treasurer let Capt. David Spear have a sufficient sum to defray his charges down to the Provincial congress, and said Spear to be accountable to the town for whatever sums of money he shall or may receive of the treasurer."

I have had a great desire to know who the first committee of safety were in this town and have at last succeeded in ascertaining their names, and they are names (excepting the first), that have been prominent all through the history of the town. The meeting was held March 17, 1775, and chose Lieut. Ebenezer Jones, Joshua MacMaster, Aaron King, Robt. Farrell, and David Graves as this first committee of Safety. The choosing of this committee was the 10th article in the warrant for the meeting, but it was the second article acted upon, showing that they did not wait to know what other towns were going to do, or until they were forced to act by the presence of danger, but they prepared themselves for every possible emergency they could foresee. And the more I study the history of their doings, brief though they are, the more I respect and honor their noble, patriotic lives, and their intelligence and foresight in dealing with the great and momentous questions of their day.

I copy from a paper in my possession the names of several men who were "draghted" to serve in the Revolutionary war.

In 1776 two men were drafted and paid their fines, £5 each. In 1777 Nathaniel Rogers, who was at Ticonderoga with Capt. Cadwell, John Moor, Junr., Denis Swaney, John Cutter, Elijah Watson and Daniel Hopkins were "draughted." In 1778, Lieut. Wm. Scott, Joseph Chapin, John Shearer and John King; in 1779, court order for men to go to Claverack: David Shaw, Saml. Hendrick, William Roach, Elisha Cleaveland and Stephen Crawford, Aaron Graves, captain; Joshua Shaw, lieutenant; David King, lieutenant. There were many enlisted men from this town, of whom we have no record, except what may be in the hands of relatives, which it is to be hoped they will furnish to the historical committee at once.

On the fifth day of June, 1734, the Rev. John Harvey was ordained the first minister of the Elbows, and was dismissed in 1758, after a long and bitter controversy:

January 3, 1731, A town meatten warned and attended. Wm. Scott moderater. Voted to take the Count of names of the parsons that have payed towords the quachion for the Poublick.

Mr. Benjamin Dickinson, Wm. Scott, Thos. Sutter, John King, Samuel Shaw, Earou Nelson, Sergt. Doolittle, Daniel fuller, James McClorne, Samuel Evens, Wm. Coofaut, dunkin quentan, James Dorchester, Joseph Wright, Joseph Wright Junor, William Slown, matthew brown, Joseph flemohd, James Braekenrige, James Lamberter, Robt Tompsou.

I cannot imagine why the "quachion" should have cost $25, or how they could have expended that amount for it, unless it was a very elaborate one. And at that time they had no church, or pulpit either, as far as the records show, where it could be used.

It was the custom in those days to put some distinguishing mark upon all cattle, etc., whereby each man could identify his own, as there were few fences, except those to protect cultivated fields, all the rest being common for pasturing, etc., and this mark must be entered with the "toun clark" to make it legal. So if we of to-day should find a herd of cattle on our beautiful common we could easily distinguish John King's from Wm. Scott's, or John Brackenridge's from James Mackelwean's, or Seth Shaw's from Daniel Fuller's; I give a few of the marks as recorded:

March ye 13, 1732-3 Wm. Scott Entered his Mark viz. a half-penny cut in ye fore Part of the Near Ear.

The same date John King entered his mark, a crap in the off Ear & a hole through ye same.

The same date Sam'l Doolittle Entered His mark viz, a smooth Crap in the Left Ear & a Cut tail.

April 16, 1733 Jas Brackenrige Entered his mark the Near Ear twice Slitt and ye middle piece cut out and a Single Slit in ye off Ear.

May ye 14th, 1748 John King Jr. Entered his mark viz, a Crap of the off Ear, a Slite in ye under Side Near the top of ye Near ear.

Sept. ye 4 1766, Wm. Scott Jr. his Mark, a Crap of off the Near Year and a Happenny ye under Side of the same, after the Crap is cut off Double the year and take out a peare ye Under side.

I fear if Scott had lived in the present era, the society with the long name would soon persuade him to modernize his method of marking. But it seems they did not mark their horses, as I find a stray colt advertised, and thus minutely described:

Palmer Destrict Nov. ye 16 1754

taken up in Damage & Strayed, by James Brackenrige of S'd Palmer Destrict a bay Colored horse Colt, Supposed to be two years old Coming in three with a black meane and tail, with a Small white Spot in ye forehead, ye Right owner thereof may have him, he paying ye charges. James Brackenrige Ye S'd Colt paces and trotts.

By consulting the original surveys I have been able to locate some of the lots that were "surveyed and laid out" to the "proprietors and granters." It is very difficult and in many cases impossible to tell where they were located by the surveys, as they would start from "an Oak Stadel with a big Stone at ye root thereof" and run to a "heap of Stones on a Flat Rock," then "to an Alder Bush by a Swamp," or "to a Black Oak Stadle shaped like a saw-mill crank," etc. But occasionally they started at some point which we can recognize to-day like Wm. Scott's lot laid out in 1728, where the wire mill now stands, which began at "a Little White Oak Stadle upon Chickuppee River in the South west Elbow where the County Road Leading from Brookfield to Springfield crosses S'd River and up the river to the Mouth of "Dumplin Hill Brook," etc. Then east from his lot came 100 acres to Joseph Wright. Then 100 acres to James Dorchester; but he sold to Ebenezer Merrick, at whose house the first legal town meeting was held, and where public worship was held for some time before the church was built. Then came 100 acres to John King, which brings us to Thamer spring run, about where the Nassowanno now stands. Then came Richard Coombs, and he sold his half to John King, Jr., where he settled, which with the lot of his father forms the site of our flourishing village. These were all laid out in 1728.

Obidiah Cooley was at Cooley's crossing and Nathaniel Dewey, Samuel Shaw, Jonathan Chapin also on the river; John Moor, Wm. Crawford, and Thos. Little were at the old Center; Patrick Smith around little Pataquotack pond: Robt Farrell where Elbridge Hastings now lives, and a man by the name of Dwight where Joseph Kerrigan now lives.

And here, for to-night, we will leave them, though many interesting matters have passed unnoticed, and others only glanced at, to which some future historian will do ample justice. The grandest part of our history I have not touched, that of the Revolution, which, when it shall have been written, will show the early fathers of this town as leading all other towns of this section in word and deed in the struggle for liberty and independence.

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The homes in which their early years were passed,
And led by hope and full of restless strength,
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Their future home. Upon the Quaboag's bank
They rear their log-walled cabin.
Years roll by.
Where stood the hut, a white-walled cottage now
Looks through its screen of roses, meadows stretch
With grain-fields round. A village clusters near,
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Of saw and hammer, coach and mail-car hum,
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That call them blessed. Far and wide they see
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While We May.

The hands are such dear hands:
They are so full; they turn at our demand
So often; they reach out,
With trifles scarcely thought about,
So many times; they do
So very many things for me, for you—
If their fond wills mistake,
We may well bend, not break.

They are such frail, fond lips
That speak to us. Pray, if love strips
Them of discretion many times,
Or if they speak too low or quick, such crimes
We may pass by; for we may see
Days not far off when those small words may be
Held not as slow, or quick, or out of place
But dear,
Because the lips are no more here.

They are such dear, familiar feet that go
Along the path with ours—feet fast or slow,
And trying to keep pace—if they mistake
Or tread upon some flower that we would take
Upon our breast, or bruise some reed
Or crush some Hope until it bleed,
We may be mute,
Nor turning quickly to impute
Grave fault; for they and we
Have such a little way to go—can be
Together such a little while along the way,
We will be patient while we may.

So many little faults we find.
We see them; for not blind
Is Love. We see them; but if you and I
Perhaps remember them some by and by,
They will not be
Faults then—grave faults—to you and me,
But just odd ways—mistakes, or even less—
Remembrances to bless.
Days change so many things—yes, hours
We see so differently in suns and showers.
Mistaken words to-night
May be so cherished by to-morrow's light.
We may be patient: for we know
There's such a little way to go.

—*George Klingle.*

CHRISTIE'S TELEGRAPHING.

I am very glad that telephones have been invented; and yet I am glad they were not sooner invented. I should like to tell you the reason. That will take some time, for it is quite a story:

We live in the country, at Oakbrook, and my father is the treasurer and superintendent of the Oakbrook mills. Our house—a very pleasant country house it is—is situated on a beautifully wooded slope close to the river, and is a quarter of a mile from the mills. That is why a telegraph wire was placed between the two.

I promised father when it was put up that I would learn to send messages over it. There was no one else in the family who could have learned. Both my brothers were at boarding school and mother would as soon have thought of studying the Chinese language as telegraphy.

Father declared that I never would learn. Girls had but little patience for such things, he said. Nevertheless the wire was put up and connected with a battery in the library, and in just four months' time I had mastered the alphabet and technicalities of the instrument so that I could use it readily and was able to read the messages by ear.

It was Harry Randall who taught me. He was one of the clerks at the office, and he had learned to use the instrument, because it was necessary to have somebody to send messages by the wire that ran from the mills to the adjacent city of Palmer.

Having explained so much, I think I have said all that is necessary to enable you to understand what occurred on a certain February night, about which I am going to tell you.

We were through supper, and were sitting together, father, mother and I, around the table in the library, when Joseph, our coachman and man-of-all-work about the place, brought in the mail as usual.

Father eagerly took a letter that seemed to have been expected, from the other letters. I noticed a disturbed expression upon his face as he read it; and I was more anxious than surprised when he arose and went to the hall door, and called to the girl who was in the dining-room.

"Mary," said he, "tell Joseph to harness Prince at once. I must get to the Junction in time for the 8 o'clock express. He'll have to finish his supper when he gets back."

Then he turned and said that the letter contained intelligence that made it necessary he should go to New York that night. Of course, as the wife and daughter of a business man, we knew what it meant, and that there was not a word of remonstrance to be said. So mother went to make for him what preparation was needful; and I should have followed her a moment later, but father called me back.

"Christie," he said, rather soberly, "I am going to tell you something that no one knows anything about save Harry Randall. I have quite a large sum of money—over two thousand dollars—in my pocket." He touched his breast with his finger. "I never keep large amounts of money by me, but in this case it was unavoidable, and I thought I should feel less anxious to have it with me than to allow it to remain in the safe at the office."

"I cannot of course take it to New York. So I want you to take charge of it and keep it till to-morrow morning, and then carry it to Randall for him to deposit in the bank. Don't say anything to your mother about it. She is so timid and nervous that she would not sleep a wink all night if she knew so large a sum was in the house. Do you understand?"

With no slight feeling of responsibility I took the leathern pocket-book which he handed me and placed it in the pocket of my dress.

Father went on: "Perhaps you had better put it under your pillow. Of course it is fire that I am most anxious about. There is no danger of the money in any other way. Not a soul knows about it.

Then he went into the hall and came very unexpectedly upon Joseph, for I heard him speak somewhat sharply to him because he had not gone to the stable, and declaring that his business was of more importance than his supper. I heard Joseph mutter something about taking time to finish his meal.

Ten minutes later as father was going down the steps to get into the carriage, he turned back to me, and holding his umbrella so mother should not hear, he whispered:

"I've been thinking, Christie, that young Randall had better come and sleep at the house. I shall feel easier about you. He is to be there at work to-night until very late."

Then he stepped into the buggy, and they drove away into the darkness and the rain.

I did not send a message to Harry, however. Indeed, I laughed a little as I thought of father's anxiety. He was almost as timid as mother, after all.

I was of a rather easy, careless disposition, and really had not a particle of fear of having the money in my keeping. And as we two sat there in the library for a long while after this, mother dozing in the big chair and I intent upon some fancy work which I was anxious to finish in time for a friend's birthday, I forgot altogether the package of money that lay at the bottom of my dress pocket.

Joseph did not get back until after 10 o'clock, although it was only three miles to the Junction, and he should have been home long before that hour.

We thought little of that, however. He had been with us several years, and I learned that he had been recently led into bad company, and that father had several times had angry words with him about his habits.

Joseph slept in the house, and for that reason it seemed to me quite unnecessary that Harry Randall should be there also.

When the clock struck 10 mother arose, declaring it was time to go to bed. She went into all the lower rooms to see that the windows and doors were fastened, and then came back to the library for me.

But I did not feel sleepy, and wanted very much to go on with my work; so I begged her to go up stairs without me, promising to come up in the course of an hour.

The clock struck 11 almost before I knew the time had passed. I laid down my work and counted the strokes without looking at the clock itself.

I was sitting at a little center-table, near the lamp. At my left, a little way off against the wall, was father's desk, with books and papers scattered upon it, and the battery at one end.

Opposite me were two long windows that opened upon the side piazza. Over these were thick curtains, closely drawn, which did not shut out the sound of the pelting storm outside. Directly behind me was the hall door, standing, as usual, wide open.

Just then I heard, or fancied I heard, a low sigh or breath in the hall. I turned my head instantly, but did not see any person; and listening intently, heard no further sound. I felt a little uneasy and smiled to myself at my nervousness, then took up my work again. I had not finished what I had set myself to do.

I had not taken three stitches when I laid the work down again. There was no use denying it or laughing at myself. For some reason there suddenly came over me a strong feeling of nervousness and dread. It seemed as if I realized as I had not before that evening the fact that I was sitting all alone down stairs in the house, at 11 o'clock at night, with a large sum of money in my pocket.

I glanced at the desk. Possibly Harry was still at work at the office. If he was, a single sentence over the wire would call him.

I was just getting up to go to the desk to signal and see if he was at the mill, when something occurred to me that seemed to turn me cold and motionless as stone in an instant.

Behind me, so close that I knew it came from the threshold of the hall door, a low, hoarse voice, that I knew, without seeing the speaker, must be that of a desperate and wicked man, broke the stillness, and bade me "Good evening!"

For a moment, as I say, I felt as though I had been turned to stone. Then the voice, speaking again, seemed at least to restore the life in me, and to set my heart to beating violently.

The language that the man used was not even as good English as, in attempting to reproduce, I find myself writing.

"Don't be frightened, miss. I beg of ye not to be frightened. All ye've got ter do is ter keep still, an' not a hair of yer pretty head shall be harmed."

Then I turned my head, half-wheeling my chair at the same time, and saw standing in the door-way a tall, brutal-looking man altogether as ugly and ill-conditioned and fearful-looking a person as I had ever seen.

Naturally enough I opened my lips to utter a little cry, but he stopped me by a single threatening motion of a club he carried in his hand.

"S—t," he fiercely hissed. "If ye raise a single scream I'll strike ye as senseless as yer mother is upstairs."

The last words changed for the moment the nature of my fear and gave me strength to speak.

"What have you done to my mother?" I demanded excitedly. "Do you mean—have you killed her?"

He uttered a sort of low laugh.

"No, my dear; she was waking up, so we had ter use the chloroform. An' you must keep still or you'll be served the same way. You see, its jest here—"

He drew a step nearer and seemed disposed to explain matters.

"What we want is some money your father brought down from Palmer yisterday. Maybe yer don't know about it; but we do, and we know he left it in the house when he went off to-night. My friend is up stairs lookin' for it this minute. All we want is the money. We don't mean harm to nobody. Ye shan't be touched if ye behave yerself an' keep quiet."

Somewhat assured by this, and having had time while he was speaking to collect myself, I was now able to assume an appearance at least of calmness.

I took up my embroidery and went on working, or pretending to work—at the pattern I was embroidering; I think the action helped me, too, for I presently found myself quite calm, and with a coolness and resolution that I can hardly believe in now, as I recall it, turning over in my mind what I ought to do.

What would these two men do when they found, as they would soon find, that the money was not upstairs? They would be disappointed and desperate—capable, perhaps, of deeds that they had not at first intended.

Perhaps I had better give up the money at once and so get rid of them. And yet, father had confided it to my care; and it did not belong to him but to the company. I ought not to let these men have it if I could help it. Oh, why could I not give an alarm some way? What if could open my mouth and cry out at any risk? Could I make Joseph hear, away out in the wing of the house as he was? Alas, I knew that I could not, even had not this man been sitting there by the door—he had taken a chair now—eyeing me fiercely as though he read my thoughts. Ah, if I had only done as father wished and telegraphed for Harry Randall to come up! And then with this last thought another thought came to me. Why could I not summon Harry even now, if perchance he was still at the office?

I arose from my chair, mechanically grasping my work in my hand. My guard got up also, evidently suspicious of my slightest movement.

"I'll have to ask yer to keep quiet, miss," said he, with a harsh, determined voice.

I turned upon him indignantly. "I suppose I may change my seat if I like," said I.

And without waiting for his permission, I walked deliberately over to the desk and sat down on the revolving chair that stood before it. At the same time I threw my work down on the desk in such a way as to cover completely the battery, which instrument my companion had probably not noticed at all. Perhaps he would not have known what it was if he had.

I sat there a moment, listlessly twisting the chair back and forth, and trying to make up my mind what was best to do.

Just then there was a slight noise on the hall stairs and the man became uneasy, stood up and looked at the library door, as if he was about to go toward it. Then he turned again to me, and with a threatening gesture, said:

"Yon jest set there, while I step into the hall a bit. And if ye stir or make a noise it will be the worst for ye. Do you mind that!"

He went softly into the hall.

Feeling that now was my opportunity, I put my finger on the knob, and as silently as possible sent my signal over the wire into the night, down to the mills and Harry Randall.

"Harry, are you there?"

In another instant I was leaning back in my chair and moving an inkstand on the table to make a noise. How my heart was beating, and my ear was strained to catch the sound that—if I might in God's goodness hope it—might possibly come back to me!

Almost a minute—it seemed an age—I listened; and my heart sank as no answering signal was heard. Then—click! click! click! came the sounds, sweeter to my ears than the sweetest music, and I knew Harry was there. These sounds were to some extent covered by the drumming of my thimble, but to me were as plain as spoken words.

"Yes."

Instantly I sent back my answer. Two excited words, run all together:

"Robbers! Help!"

The total silence that followed assured me, after a minute's anxious waiting, that Harry had comprehended my message, and that doubtless he would come at once to the house. Fortune had favored me, for I had heard the man creeping up the hall stairs, and thus I had escaped the results of any suspicions he might have had had he heard the clicking of the instrument.

I did not look at the clock, and so cannot say how long I sat there in silence. It seemed to me that it was hours.

Then there was the sound of whispering in the hall. The next moment there appeared in the doorway a second stranger, rougher and more desperate, if possible, in appearance than the first; and close behind him, to my great surprise and indignation, was our man Joseph. They both advanced into the room, the one looking angry and disappointed, and the other with a sheepish air as he caught my eye.

"We have found the key of the safe," growled the second stranger. "But all for nothing. The money wasn't it, and we have looked high and low, and can't find it. But Joe here sticks to it that it's somewhere in the house; and he thinks," looking fiercely at me, "you know where. It's no use, Miss ——; we havn't any time to spare and we won't stand no nonsense. I see it in your eye; you know where the money is. And you've got to tell."

He had advanced while he had been speaking and was now quite near. I arose from my chair, fearing he meant to lay hands upon me. And at that instant—my ears painfully alert to any noise—I was certain I caught the sound of a footfall outside of the window, and I gained fresh courage.

"And why have I got to tell?" I demanded, purposely raising my voice so it could be heard outside the house. "What right have you to break into this house this way—"

The man suddenly caught me by the wrist, uttering at the same time a fearful oath.

"You make another sound above a whisper," he cried, in a voice hoarse with rage, "and I'll—"

He did not finish his sentence. There came a loud crash at both windows at once, and the next instant Harry Randall with two watchmen from the mills burst into the room.

The rescue was complete, so far as saving our lives was concerned. The robbers attempted no resistence.

In an instant, before a word could be said or a blow struck, the man raised his hand and dashed the lamp from the table. In the darkness and confusion the burglars, Joseph among them, made their escape. And although every effort was made, both then and after, to secure their arrest, they never were taken.

However, as I said, our lives and the money that had been confided to my keeping were safe; and we were all thankful for that.

And I may say again that I am very glad that, at that time, at least, the telegraph had not been superceded by the telephone.

THE DEACON'S DOG.

A good story is told of the presence of mind of a New Hampshire deacon who was very fond of dogs. He had one valuable setter that he had trained himself, and that understood his every word and slightest gesture with an almost human intelligence. One evening at a prayer-meeting the good man was offering an earnest exhortation and the people sat with bowed heads, giving earnest attention. The audience faced the stand where sat the pastor; the doors opened on either side. All at once one of the doors, which had been left ajar, was pushed open and the handsome head of the deacon's favorite setter was thrust in. The head was followed by the body, and the dog *in toto* had just started with a joyful bound toward its master. The deacon general knew what was going on about him, whether he was praying or shooting, and the first movement of the intruder attracted his attention. Quick as a flash the deacon, raising his hand with a warning gesture, exclaimed: "Thou hast given us our *charge*; help us to keep it." At the emphasized word so well known to his canine ear, the handsome brute stopped, as if shot, on the very threshhold of the door, with his intelligent eye fixed on his master. In the same unmoved tone, with a slight wave of the extended hand: We would not return *back* to Thee with our duty on earth unfulfilled." Again the perfect training of the deacon's pet was made evident, for without a whimper he turned as noiselessly as he had entered, and remained quietly outside until his master appeared.—*Boston Globe.*

OLD-FASHIONED MOTHERS.

Thank God, some of us have had old-fashioned mothers. Not a woman of the period, enameled and painted, with her great chignon, her curls and bustle, whose white jewelled hands never felt the clasp of baby fingers, but a dear, old-fashioned, sweet-voiced mother, with eyes in whose clear depths the love-light shone, and brown hair just threaded with silver, lying smooth on her faded cheek. Those dear hands, worn with toil, gently guided our tottering steps in childhood and smoothed our pillow in sickness, ever reaching out to us in yearning tenderness. Blessed is the memory of an old-fashioned mother. It floats to us now like the beautiful perfume from some wooded blossoms. The music of other voices may be lost, but the entrancing memory of hers will echo in our souls forever. Other faces may fade away and be forgotten, but hers will shine on. When, in the fitful pauses of business life, our feet wander back to the old homestead, and, crossing the well-worn threshold, stand once more in the room so hallowed by her presence, how the feeling of childhood, innocence, and dependence comes over us, and we kneel down in the molten sunshine, streaming through the open window—just where, long years ago, we knelt by our mother's knee, lisping, "Our Father." How many times, when the tempter lured us on, has the memory of those sacred hours, that mother's words, her faith and prayers, saved us from plunging into the deep abyss of sin. Years have filled great drifts between her and us, but they have not hidden from our sight the glory of her pure, unselfish love.

A POCKET STEAM HEATER.

Connecticut has been the birth-place of many novel inventions, but the device which the New Haven *News* describes as having been recently produced by a Bridgeport professor is surpassed by none of them in originality and daring. The paper referred to says of this invention, called the "portable body steam heater" that the apparatus is a small affair, consisting of a copper boiler, under which is a diminutive lamp, all encased in a nickel box, and balanced something like a compass, so that, no matter what position the outside box is in, the boiler and lamp will always remain in the required vertical position. The entire apparatus is so small that it can be carried in the pocket. After the lamp is lighted, the water in the boiler is heated and circulated through rubber tubes, which are run down the legs, around the ankles, up around the back, and back to the boiler. The circulation of the warm water keeps the body warm on the coldest day. A safety-valve and escape for a higher pressure of steam than the affair is allowed to carry flows off at the back of the wearer's neck. Elaborate heaters are being constructed for ladies' wear. They can be worn inside the bustle, and entirely obscured. Before going out of the house the lady's maid can light the lamp, which, by the way, is gaged to run six, eight, or ten hours, and "my lady" walks out under a full pressure of steam, and warranted to keep warm during the promenade.

"Yes," the Nebraska farmer said, "barbed wire fence is expensive; but the hired man doesn't stop to rest every time he has to climb over it."—*Ex.*

Paradoxical.

What was it when a babe I lay,
Caught on to me one summer day,
And almost walked with me away?
The measles.

And when I grew to quite a kid,
And down the cellar door I slid,
What made me sorry for what I did?
A sliver.

And when I to an urchin grew,
And thought I more than mother knew,
What made me think I'd "broke in two?"
Green apples.

When my pants had grown quite long,
And myself had grown quite strong,
What one day made me feel "quite wrong?"
A cigar.

And when I sought "my little bed,"
And thought to rest my dizzy head,
Who "thumped" me till my face was red?
My mother.

And when I was a dandy clerk,
And "tipped" a girl a "knowing smirk,"
Who fixed me so I couldn't work?
Her brother.

And when I from my bed arose,
And once more tried to wear my clothes,
Who onto all my wages "froze?"
The doctor.

And when I swore it was a shame,
That he should all my "gold dust" claim,
Who "buzzed" me till my "ears were lame?"
A lawyer.

JOSH BILLINGS ON INFIDELITY.

Did you ever hear ov a man's renouncing Christianity on hiz deth-bed, and turning infidel?

Gamblers nor free-thinkers haven't faith enuff in their profession to teach it to their children.

No atheist, with all hiz boasted bravery, haz ever yet dared to advertize hiz unbeleaf on hiz tume stun.

It is a statistikal fakt that the wicked work harder to reach hell than the righteous do to enter heaven.

I notiss one thing; when a man gits into a tite spot, he don't never send for hiz friend, the devil, to help him out.

I had rather be an ideot than an infidel; if I am an infidel, I have made miself one; if an ideot I was made so.

I never hav met a free-thinker yet who didn't beleave a hundred times more nonsense than he kan find in the Bible enywhere.

It is always safe to follow the religious beleaf that our mothers taught us—there never waz a mother yet who taught her child to be an infidel.

A man may learn infidelity from books and from hiz assoshiates, but he kant learn it from hiz mother, nor the works ov God that surround him.

If an infidel could only komprehend that he kan prove more bi hiz faith than he kan bi hiz reason, hiz impudence would be much less offensive.

Unbeleavers are always so ready and anxious to prove their unbeleaf, that i hav thought they mite he just a leetle doubtful about it themselfs.

The infidel in his impudence, will ask you to prove that the flood did occur, when the poor ideot himself, kant even prove, to save hiz life, what makes one apple sweet, and one sour, or tell whi a hen's egg iz white, and a duk's egg blue.

When I hear a noizy infidel proklaming hiz unbeleaf, I wonder if he will send for sum brother infidel to cum and see him die. I guess not. He will be more likely to send for the orthodox man, who engineers the brick church around the korner.

THE "L" ROAD.

The tendency is to abbreviate words, especially if they are long, or several are used to denote a corporation. An amusing illustration of this fact, and also of fondness of certain people for seeking remote explanations of simple facts, is given by the New York *Commercial Advertiser*.

A gentleman on the elevated railroad recently enlightened a country friend and amused a score or two of city folks who were in hearing of his voice, which had been raised for the occasion, by explaining the origin of the term "the L roads," as applied to the elevated structures.

"You see," he said, "that at every curve, in turning a corner, the road has to run at right angles with itself, thus forming a letter L. That is why they call it 'the L road.'"

A suggestion that the term was only an abbreviation of the word "elevated," and might as well be written "the El road," was lost in the laughter which followed.

The incident reminded one person present of another which occurred some years back, when the Metropolitan road did not run on Sunday.

A person had laboriously climbed the stairway at Park Place only to find the gates closed and the ticket-office deserted, and only the big gilt letters M. E. R. R. (Metropolitan Elevated Railroad) staring at him from above the office window.

"Of course," he muttered, as he descended the stairway again. "I might have known that no Methodist Episcopal Railroad would run on Sunday."

THURLOW WEED AT TYPE SETTING.

Thurlow Weed's first attempt at type setting, when an apprentice in a printing office in Onondaga Hollow, as told by himself, is rather amusing. The ordinary notice of the death of a clergyman's wife was brought into the office in the absence of the editor and proprietor, just as the paper was ready to go to press. Mr. Weed thought he would astonish the editor and proprietor and put it in type. In setting it up the word "consort" occurred. He substituted the word "comfort" which made it read "comfort" rather than the "consort" of the bereaved. The paper was thus worked off and sent out to the villagers, and while he was felicitating himself upon his intellectual achievement the proprietor entered the office in a furious rage and discomfited the aspiring Franklin by boxing his ears.

A Buffalo girl has already scored a leap-year victory. She proposed to her young man that he propose, and he proposed.

The Journal.

FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 21, 1884.

THE Rhode Island Republicans have renominated Gov. Bourne and the other state officers. The Democrats nominated George H. Corlin for governor, but he declined and Thomas W. Segar was substituted.

GOV. ROBINSON'S Fast Day proclamation is out, naming Thursday, April 3, as the annual day of fasting and prayer. The governor's Unitarian training shows itself throughout the proclamation, in its avoidance of any reference to the Savior.

GOVERNOR CLEVELAND of New York has approved a bill giving the mayor of New York city the power of appointment without the necessity of confirmation by the board of aldermen, which will materially interfere with Boss Kelly's power in the metropolis, unless he can get control of the mayor.

THE semi-annual session of the grand lodge of Good Templars was held in Boston this week. There are now 157 lodges and 8420 members in the state, a loss of four lodges and a gain of 109 members in the past year—an average of less than one new member for each lodge. This cannot be considered a very encouraging growth, and the order must infuse new life into its members, or it will not long survive.

INSURANCE COMMISSIONER TARBOX calls the attention of the Legislature to the fact that fifteen insurance companies in other states are doing business, contrary to law, in this state, having less than the $300,000 capital required by our statutes in the case of such companies authorized to do both a fire and marine insurance business. The companies are all good ones, but cannot continue their business in this state unless the law is changed.

ARBOR DAY is becoming a deservedly popular holiday in some of the western states, and special efforts are made to interest school children in the work of tree planting. By and by people in the eastern states will begin to realize the importance and necessity of doing something in this line, and we might as well imitate the western states in setting apart a day for setting out shade trees along the streets and highways, and re-clothing our denuded hills.

HARPER'S WEEKLY takes on an added interest now that Thomas Nast is again adorning its pages with his inimitable caricatures. It is many a month since one of Nast's pictures has been published, although he has a life contract with the Harpers, who pay him $10,000 a year, whether his designs are used or not. This week's cartoon is a very suggestive illustration of the silver coinage folly, and every member of Congress, especially, ought to study it well.

CIVIL SERVICE REFORM has been discussed in a lively manner in the State Senate this week, and the Democrats, true to the instincts of their party, oppose the passage of the bill, which went through yesterday by a vote of 15 to 9, on strict party lines. The bill prohibiting the sale of liquor on election day has been rejected in the House, which body also refuses to concur with the Senate in admitting an order providing for a change of day for holding probate court in Hampden county.

EXPERIMENTS are being made in New York with a dynamite gun, which, if successful, promises to be the most destructive engine of war yet invented. The dynamite is placed in a huge projectile and thrown from a gun by compressed air, and when the dynamite strikes the object at which it is aimed it explodes with force enough, it is said, to sink the heaviest ironclad. If it can be made to work successfully, we need not worry much about our coast defenses in case of a war with some foreign power.

JUDGE ALDRICH of the Superior court gave the Springfield court house a raking at yesterday's session of the court, because of its poor ventilation. With all the doors and windows of the court room closed there were such strong drafts of air around the jurors' heads that the judge gave them permission to sit with their hats and overcoats on. At the judge's suggestion Sheriff Sanderson has addressed a letter to the county commissioners requesting them to take immediate steps to remedy the difficulty.

THE dreaded foot and mouth disease has appeared in Kansas, and is prevailing to such an alarming extent among the cattle that the Legislature has been convened in special session to devise means to stamp out the plague. The disease is contagious to such an extent that the only way to exterminate it, it is said, is by killing all infected and exposed animals, burning their carcasses, stables, and everything they have touched, even to burning over green fields where they have fed, and the clothing of their attendants.

THE hearing before the prison committee of the Legislature on the question of building a new jail at Springfield was only partially completed on Tuesday, and it will be continued next Tuesday. Lawyer Lathrop appeared for the petitioners, and presented some strong testimony as to the need of new and better jail accommodations, and was followed in the same line by Prison Commissioner Parsons and several Springfield gentlemen. The county commissioners had nothing to say, but will doubtless bring out the heaviest guns they can command on the other side at the next hearing.

HENRY WARD BEECHER thinks well of John Sherman and Mr. Edmunds as candidates for the presidency, but says neither of them could be elected, as they are not built on the right plan. President Arthur is his choice. According to Mr. Beecher the people want a man who "is big-bellied and big-chested, with a good deal of blood and a well organized head on top." Edmunds and Sherman "have good heads, but they are shad-bellied, and not catching with the people." This is a qualification to which but little attention has been given heretofore, but we presume the reverend gentleman is right, and that big bellies are of more importance now than they were in the days of shad-bellied Abraham Lincoln.

Another Gloucester fishing schooner, with a crew of 14 men, is supposed to be lost.

THIS, THAT, AND THE OTHER.

Out on a strike—a hammer.

No matter how good it may be, a door is always sure to be hung.

Frieze decorations are said to have a cooling effect, and will be very popular during the coming season.

The good-natured man who was fool enough to try all the "sure cures for cold" recommended by his friends, will be buried soon.

The report that the peach trees of Georgia are backward about blossoming has arrived. The late frost, by which the early fruit is killed every season, will no doubt be announced next week.

The first loop of a marriage-knot is a beau-knot.—*Taunton Gazette.* And the second is a hard knot.—*Stoughton Sentinal.* And if he gets the mitten it is then a slip-knot.—*Framingham Tribune.*

But if she accepts him then it is a lover's knot.

The only two classes of people who have not grumbled because of the cold this winter are the ice men and the plumbers. The former class is now praying for hot weather at once, and the latter is making preparations to spend the same at the mountains or sea shore.

We notice that several of our exchanges commenced last week, "by special arrangement with the author," the publication of a serial story written by Joaquin Miller. We had that very same "special arrangement" offered us, but we don't use stereotyped matter, and so were obliged to decline.

The *Canton Journal* thinks it's rather rough because we alluded to a sleigh-ride composed solely of young ladies as a "hen party." Well, why not? When a lot of young fellows go it alone for a good time the company is called a stag crowd or a gander party; you wouldn't have us speak of the fair ones as a goose party, would you?

"There's Browne with his new wife," remarked one man to another, as he pointed to a newly married acquaintance coming out of church one morning. "Aha, what did he do with the old one?" replied his friend, always ready for a joke. And at the next church sociable one of the newsmongers who had overheard the talk, declared that she had it on good authority that Browne had got a divorce on purpose to marry his present wife, and that she didn't think much of a man who would do such a thing as that.

St. Louis whites will have nothing in common with the negro. Salvation may be a good thing for them, they may need it badly, but long for it as they will, the salvation of the white citizens is too good for them. At a recent revival meeting in that city a colored person went forward and took a place among the whites on the anxious seat, whereupon the latter rose in wrath and would not be saved so long as the negro remained. The managers of the meeting decided that the negro must go, and he was turned out, after which the white sinners grew repentant once more.

When the citizens of San Francisco want anything they want it bad, and are bound to have it at any cost. Last Friday a mob of 1500 gathered to buy seats for the second entertainment given by Patti, and in the course of proceedings smashed all the pictures and plants in the vestibule of the opera house, threw a boy, who happened to get in the way, through a door, smashed in the ticket office, tore the clothes from each others' backs, and finally had to be quieted by the police, the ticket agent not daring to show himself.

A strange case of suspended animation is reported from Venago county, N. Y., in the person of an eight-years-old boy who dies every day. From sunrise to sunset he runs about apparantly as well as any lad, but when darkness comes he becomes unconscious, and remains so until morning. He does not feel the pricking of a pin, and his flesh is like wax, retaining dents made by the fingers. The physicians are wholly at a loss to understand the case.

The trustees of the Portland & Ogdensburg Railroad are seeking to secure possession of the line, on the ground that the road is financially embarrassed and cannot extricate itself, while it cannot raise money with which to make a large amount of necessary repairs. The road runs from Portland to Fabyan's, through the Crawford Notch of the White Mountains, and does a very large passenger business in the summer, but comparatively little during the winter.

There has recently died in Worcester county, Md., a lady who for years has been known as the "blue woman." When a child she had a very fair and beautiful complexion, but during a long illness was given so much sulphate of copper that her skin turned to a dark blue color, and never has regaind its natural hue.

An Episcopal minister of Philadelphia protests against the Episcopal Hospital of that city receiving any of the money obtained for the various hospitals by a recently given charity ball. He says the hospital is of the church and for the church, and should have nothing to do with the world or the world's methods.

Powers & Weightman of Philadelphia, whose large chemical works were recently destroyed by fire, have leased a big quinine factory at Manheim, Germany, of Boehringer. These two houses produce more than half of all the quinine manufactured. There are three other manufacturers in the United States.

A clergyman of Clinton announced that his text last Sunday would be the longest verse in the Bible, and offered a silver dollar as a prize to every member of the Sunday school who would find out which verse it was. When Sunday came he was out just $38 for prizes.

An Alabama widower with 23 children have gone to Texas to marry a widow with 19. The two were lovers when young, but quarreled and married others with results as stated. They have now concluded to return to their first love, however.

A violent earthquake was experienced by Newfoundlanders Tuesday, houses being shaken, the ground rocking, and ice in the lakes cracking.

LOCAL NOTICES.

Read my advertisement of Special Sale in another column. E. J. Wood.

All coal bills MUST be paid on or before the first of April. No deviation. J. F. Holbrook.

A handsome office clock will be given to some one buying a box of blacking for ten cents at Milligan's shoe store.

E. S. Brooks will sell anything in his stock of Watches and Jewelry, Solid Silver and Plated Ware, for the next 10 days, at cost. If you want goods cheap, now is your time to buy.

PALMER AND VICINITY.

'Most spring house cleaning time.

Green ribbons were numerous on Monday.

About two inches of snow fell Wednesday afternoon.

A little pleasant weather at last. How long will it continue?

The grass is looking quite green on many of the lawns about the village.

Some of those who own maple trees are already beginning to tap them.

The annual meeting of St. Paul's parish will be held next Monday evening.

Trout fishing will soon be in order, and big trout stories are daily expected.

The roads were not in a very good condition for pleasure riding last Sunday.

A force of about 20 men are at work on the inside finishing of the new depot.

Robins have made their appearance, though they are not very plentiful yet.

Station Agent Bostock has sent his daughter Lillian to Enfield to school for the summer.

Yesterday, with its alternate layers of snow, rain and hail, was an altogether disagreeable day.

The young people of the Congregational society hold their social with Mrs. Wm. Holbrook this evening.

The roller skating rink will be open again to-morrow afternoon and evening. Good music will be furnished in the evening.

Palmer is out of debt and has $6000 in the treasury. Better take that money to purchase fire apparatus.—*Warren Herald.*

To which we add a most hearty amen.

H. S. Davis is to remove his family to Waltham, and the rooms occupied by him on Main street will be taken by C. L. Saunders.

The interior of S. H. Hellyar & Co's store has received a thorough renovation, and has consequently improved much in appearance.

Freight business between this place and New London is unusually good for this season of the year, and extra trains are run almost every day.

John L. Wilder, for more than eighteen years an employe of the JOURNAL office, has bought of Sarah Wallace her house and lot on Pine street.

At St. Pauls' the pastor will speak Sunday evening upon the "New Creed" recently presented for the acceptance of the Congregation Orthodox churches.

Patrick Durrigan, section boss on the New London Northern railroad, has rented a tenement of S. Aldrich at Three Rivers, and moves the first of April.

Miss Bertha Marshall, the telegraph operator at this place, went to Ware Sunday morning to play the organ in Father Moran's church at the special services held there.

It was thought that owing to the heavy rain this week the embankment on Church street would be overflowed and much damage done, but as yet the inhabitants of that region are safe.

On Wednesday James Mytha was called upon by the district court to pay $4.83 for drunkenness, and James Delaney was assessed $3.98 for a like offense. As both parties lacked the needful, they were sent up.

Parties from this place and Wilbraham who desire to see "Josh Whitcomb" at Springfield next Monday night, will be accommodated with a special car attached to a freight train for the return trip after the performance.

A number of the friends of James Burnham, in recognition of his services with a snow plow during the past winter, made him a surprise visit last Saturday evening, and left a very pleasant reminder of their call in the shape of cash.

The proprietor of one of our business places has got so he is "very handy" with the gloves, and a friendly set-to frequently takes place in his establishment. One of the hotel employes has been wearing a black eye for a few days in consequence of a too loving tap while practicing.

Hear the Milford *Journal*: "The people of Palmer ought to be a happy, thankful set: their town is out of debt and has $6000 in the treasury. And in addition to this it can boast of the greatest natural wonder of this day and generation—a newspaper editor who is cashier of its bank."

Palmer people are a venturesome class, and in the past few weeks 57 tickets have been sold for the Odd Fellow and Grand Army fairs going on in the towns around us. All the tickets contained chances on more or less valuable prizes, but only one of the ticket holders here drew anything.

F. Davis has returned from his trip to Florida, and reports having enjoyed it very much, the temperature ranging from 60° to 90° all the time. Several large and fine oranges, picked by him just as he was starting for home, have found their way to our table, and we can testify that they are as fine as any we ever tasted. Do so some more.

Although the Indians who have been exhibiting in the surrounding towns have not visited Palmer, it is reported that one of our hotel clerks has become such a convert to their method of procedure that he has armed himself with a hatchet, which he carries in lieu of a tomahawk, not being able to secure the genuine article. Heap big Injun!

Some men have a great deal of curiosity, so much that it is pity they were not born women. On Tuesday a man jumped up from a barber's chair with the towel around his neck and his face covered with lather, rushed out on the sidewalk and into the street, just to get a good look at a Turk who was passing, wearing the costume of his country.

Those who have a desire to hear Will Carleton, the poet with whose writings all are familiar, can have their wish gratified on April 2d. Mr. Carleton is to speak at Monson on that date, and a special train will run from here to accommodate all who may wish to go. The fare for the round trip, including reserved seat, is put at the low rate of 50 cents, and tickets can be secured of W. A. Barnes.

About one hundred old comrades, their wives and invited guests, were present at the camp-fire of L. L. Merrick Post, G. A. R., on Wednesday evening. A fine collation was served, after which speeches were made by Senior Vice Commander Hersey of the state encampment, Comrades Fay of Springfield, Tracy of Chicopee, Chapin of Monson, Col. Tufts, Rev. C. H. Ricketts, David Knox and Dr. Holbrook.

The base ball interest in town seems to be awakening somewhat An attempt is being made to arrange a game for Fast Day, and a scheme is under way to organize a league composed of clubs from the neighboring towns, to play a series of games for some prize. If the thing can be arranged, it is understood that the Household sewing machine company will offer a $65 machine as a trophy. M. F. Sullivan would like to hear from the clubs in Thorndike, Ware, the Warrens, etc., on the subject.

There is a little boy of some five years in town whose father frequently sends him to the store, and gives him all the pennies he gets in change. Recently the boy has been making a big thing out of it, but his father thought nothing about it until one day a little while ago the storekeeper remarked that he must use a good many pennies, as he always sent for some whenever the boy came to the store. He denied doing so, and upon inquiry found that when given his change, the boy would always ask to be given some pennies among the rest.

Last Sunday morning Dr. C. W. Cross left his overcoat in the vestry of the Congregational church while he attended services up stairs. On his return it had disappeared. Suspicion was directed to three boys who had come out from Springfield to the state primary school the night before. A description of a boy who was seen coming out of the church with a coat over his arm, tallied exactly with one of the three, and the officer went to Springfield for him the next day, but he and one of his companions had left. The coat was afterward found in an empty freight car.

"Nevada, or the Lost Mine," had a very successful presentation by local talent in behalf of our village clock on Monday and Tuesday evenings. Monday evening, in spite of the storm and disagreeable walking, a large audience was present. The repetition on Tuesday evening was an afterthought, but it called together a surprisingly good number, supplemented by a large delegation of children from the state primary school. The play itself, devoid as it is of objectionable feature, containing opportunities for good acting, and relieved by the humorous expressions and remarks of Samho and John Chinaman, told its own story of defeat of evil and victory of goodness and true love. The acting was very creditable to all, and where each did so well it would be invidious to name any. The evening's entertainment was enjoyed by all present. About $125 will be cleared for the fund.

THE TOWN MEETING.

There was the usual muddy traveling to make it agreeable for the voters who wended their way to the town house Monday, but there was a large turnout notwithstanding, the whole number of votes cast being 584, against 557 last year and 492 the year before. One did not need to be a very careful observer to discover that it was St. Patrick's Day, and that the saint's admirers were out in full force, bent on carying the day in favor of license; and they did it as easy as rolling off a log. Last year's converts to the no-license side of the question have had enough of that thing, evidently, and this year they turned around and voted "yes" with a vengeance. The result is, that after one year of no-license, the town goes back to the license column, by a vote of 347 yeas to 181 nays, a majority of 166 in favor of license. Last year's vote was 180 for, and 322 against license. There was seemingly less interest than usual in the balloting for town officers, due in large measure, perhaps, to the patent fact that the license men had everything in their own hands, and they ran in their ticket without difficulty. The vote for selectmen stood as follows:

Henry G. Loomis,	454	R. L. Goddard,	103
Joseph Kerigan,	423	Henry McMaster,	103
Davis B. Bishop,	348	Scattering,	14
Elijah G. Murdock,	175		

The vote for assessors was as follows:

John Clough,	567	Davis B. Bishop,	243
David Knox,	567	A. R. Murdock,	219

For school committee Rev. T. J. Sullivan had the full vote, 584, and Geo. A. Murdock 550, with 4 scattering. The full list of officers elected:

Moderator—C. L. Gardner.

Town Clerk and Treasurer—James B. Shaw.

Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor—Henry G. Loomis, Davis B. Bishop, Joseph Kerigan.

School Committee for Three Years—Thomas J. Sullivan, Geo. A. Murdock.

Assessors—John Clough, David Knox, Davis B Bishop.

Tax Collector—H A Northrop.

Sealer of Weights and Measures—John Clough.

Constables—Herbert A Northrop, Charles L Holden, Perlin M Shearer, Michael Foley, 1st, Franklin Barker, Henry D Shaw, Erskine H Truesdell, John K Walker.

Fence Viewers—Rozel S Hastings, James O Hamilton, Horace C Smith.

Field Drivers—J R Wellman, Ethan Warriner, Patrick Breen, Dennis Mahoney, Maurice Lawlor, Isaac Northrop.

Surveyors of Lumber—H A Northrop, S W Smith, F F Marcy, D M Stebbins, D B Bishop, R L Bond, F H Proctor, Geo N Stone, Joseph Thompson.

Measurers of Wood and Bark—A L Haynes, D M Stebbins, D B Bishop, John Loftus, H A Northrop, C F Smith, Jerre Shugrue, E G Murdock, M C Mowrey, Horace Hamilton.

The meeting adjourned for two weeks, when the appropriations will be acted upon with other business matters.

WALES.

J. S. Hubbard contemplates disposing of his livery property and probably will make an auction sale sometime in April.

HAMPDEN.

There is considerable religious interest manifested in the Methodist church.

The young people are preparing for an entertainment, to be presented at no distant day.

The proprietor of the Allen House, who was raided a short time ago, has closed his hotel, given up his lease and gone, and the town is without a hotel at present.

WEST BRIMFIELD.

As dramatic entertainments are rather quiet just now, "Our Critic" has turned his attention to Valentines and caricatures and thinks he will rival *Puck* soon. It would surprise the "cow boys" to see one of his caricatures, and they cost only one cent.

NORTH WILBRAHAM.

George Brown has returned from Lawrence to work in the finishing room of the paper mill.

The ladies' society was entertained Wednesday afternoon and evening by Mrs. Stebbins and Mrs. Stacy at the house of the latter.

BRIMFIELD.

Bills are out for a social dance at Munroe's hall this evening.

From the forthcoming report of the expenditures of the town for the past year we give the following:—For repairs of highways, $1240.30; repairs of bridges, $275.11; snow paths, $235.99; schools, $1766.97; repairs of school houses, $19.95; salaries of officers, $510.85; miscellaneous expenses, $1243.48; insurance expenses, $395.96.

WEST WARREN.

On Monday the mills all began running on full time, after having run six weeks on half time. A general reduction of 10 per cent was made in the wages. The mills now run from 6.30 a. m. to 6 p. m., stopping at 12.45 on Saturdays.

On Saturday Sheriff Capen arrested a Frenchman named John Collet for breaking into the stores of Clark and Hennebry. The money and a part of the goods were found in his house. He was taken to Brookfield and failing to get bonds to the amount of $2000 was sent up for trial.

LUDLOW.

Sewing society at Wm. P. Clark's this afternoon and evening.

Rev. M. P. Dickey exchanged with Rev. Mr. Todd of Chester last Sabbath.

A basket sociable was held at the chapel last Thursday evening, under the supervision of Mrs. James White. The social netted over six dollars.

A company of neighbors and friends were invited to an oyster supper at Wm. C. Walker's last Monday evening, and after doing justice to the bivalves which were sent by a friend direct from New Haven, and having a fine time with games and singing, the company went home in the wee small hours of the morning quite well satisfied.

BELCHERTOWN.

Rev. W. H. Adams lectured on "The World before Man" at the Methodist church on Wednesday evening.

The people of the Baptist church are much rejoiced, as Rev. Mr. Hastings has concluded to remain another year.

The dramatic club had a very fine audience at Greenfield Tuesday evening, where they went to present the play "Down by the Sea."

A handsome hanging lamp was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Smith on Monday evening by friends who visited them to celebrate the 20th anniversary of their marriage. A collation, music and dancing formed the entertainment of the evening.

THORNDIKE.

D. G. Riley has been appointed janitor of the main school building.

The weavers in Mill No. 1 struck Wednesday afternoon, being dissatisfied with the cut-down.

Chas. E. Morgan of Somerville, a graduate of Boston College, succeeds B. A. Farr as teacher of the grammar school.

Rev. C. H. Ricketts, for three and a half years pastor of the Congregational church, closes his labors with the present month, to accept a call from the First church, Rockville, Conn.

The roof to Mill No. 2 is now nearly completed, and most of the machinery running. Considering the unusually poor weather since Feb. 1st, the work has progressed rapidly.

The pay-rolls of the Thorndike Company for the months of January and February cover the period of the fire and the mills running half time. In the latter month they amounted to about $20,000, as against $28,000 for the corresponding month of 1883 on full time.

WILBRAHAM.

The public schools are closed until April 1st.

Park Hammond has bought D. B. Merrick's house at Rockville, Ct.

The spring term of the Academy commenced on Wednesday with a large attendance.

Lilla Phelps will join her father, Wells Phelps, at De Smet, Dakota, this spring, starting the 1st of April.

The barn of Patrick Quinlon, on the Russel Warner farm, was destroyed by fire last Sunday night, with its contents. Insured for $500.

A larger building is needed at once in district No. 2, as the present one is too small to accomodate the present number of scholars.

During the past two years the Ludlow Mfg. Co. have put up 20 tenements in district No. 2. They are now building a sawmill near the grist mill.

At the quarterly conference of the Methodist church Sunday evening the following officers were elected: Trustees, Dr. G. M. Steele, Prof. B. Gill, R. R. Wright, J. M. Merrick, Dr. J. M. Foster, Alvin Chilson, H. H. Burbank and H. C. Frost; stewards, James Stevens, John M. Merrick, S. J. Goodenough, R. R. Wright, Mrs. Dr. Steele, Prof. C. M. Parker and H. C. Frost; recording steward, J. M. Merrick; estimating committee, S. J. Goodenough, Prof. C. M. Parker, J. M. Merrick; delegate to the layman's electoral conference, S. J. Goodenough.

WARREN.

Samuel P. Robbins has been appointed justice of the peace.

The woman's temperance union met with Mrs. Carter Thursday evening.

S. L. Converse has another house nearly ready for occupants on Keyes street.

Report says that James Hill is to build a skating rink near his large tenement house.

Last Sunday evening Rev. Mr. Forbes began a series of sermons upon the book of Jonah.

There seems to be a great call for tenements this spring, though a number have been built this year.

C. M. Stevens closes his labors as superintendent of the town farm and moves to Tinneyville April 1st.

The last quarterly conference will be held at the Methodist church to-morrow evening by Presiding Elder Fellows, who will also preach Sunday morning.

Rev. Mr. Forbes has received a call to go to Chelsea, with a much larger salary than what he now receives, but he declines the offer, to the great joy of his people.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Stevens, who have had charge of the Warren town farm the past year, have made an arrangement with the Sterling officials and will have charge of that town's farm the coming year.

The Ladies' Home Missionary society gave the last of their socialles for the season Wednesday evening. Supper was served, music and an entertainment followed, and made it a pleasant time for those who were present. A Japanese booth was one of the features of the evening with fancy cup and saucer for sale.

Arrangements have been made for a walking match at the town hall to-morrow evening, with prizes of $15 and $10 for a three hours' go-as-you-please race, and $8 to the winner of a five-mile run. The champion of Worcester county, Thomas Murphy of Southbridge, is expected to be present and give a five-mile exhibition spin.

MONSON.

The attention of oil users is called to a new lubricator, "Valve-oleum," for sale by Norcross Bros.

"The new creed" will be the subject of Rev. Mr. Hammatt's discourse at Central Hall next Sunday evening.

Wm. C. Miller has taken the barber shop at Green's Hotel, and will undoubtedly have a good run of custom.

The concert and dramatic entertainment given at Central Hall on Monday evening by the young people at St. Patrick's parish was well rendered and highly appreciated.

The young ladies of the Congregational church are to give a supper at the church vestry next Friday evening. A drama and entertainment by the "Peake Family," will also be presented.

As the matter of deciding the term of office of the selectmen, road commissioners and assessors will be one of the first articles to be acted upon at the fourthcoming town meeting, it is important that the voters be on hand early.

One of the finest roadsters in the county is owned by one of our contractors, he having driven from Green's block to the depot at Palmer in 14½ minutes, hitched to Concord wagon and drawing two persons, and this during the heavy traveling of last Friday.

The friends and parishioners of Rev. E. S. Best, to the number of sixty, gave him a surprise last Wednesday evening, leaving a good purse of money, and many good wishes for the future of himself and family. It is rumored that one of the suburban churches near Boston has applied for Mr. Best another year.

The camp fire of the Grand Army will be at Central Hall, next Tuesday evening, instead of Wednesday, as proposed, and will consist of a camp illustrated, singing of army songs, initiating a contraband, etc. It is expected that the Department Commander, or his representative will be present. Army rations, including hard tack, will be issued to all.

Those of our citizens who heard Will Carleton on his two visits here last season, will be glad to know that he has been engaged for April 2d, at which time he will present his new lecture entitled "Character Sketches in Prose and Verse." Mr. Carleton and his writings are too well known to need any recommendation, and he will undoubtedly be greeted with a full house.

Notwithstanding the inclement weather the Universalist social at Central Hall Thursday evening was by far the most successful yet held, about three hundred being present, thus showing the increasing popularity of these meetings. A duet was fluely rendered by the Misses Barnes, and the recitations by Rev. Mr. Hammatt and W. H. Ricketts were warmly encored, as were also the readings. At the auction sale of mummies, Mr. Arthur Blush of Springfield was the highest bidder for the "Egyptian Princess." He blushingly took possession, and we understand that he donates it to the Monson Improvement Association to be placed among its relics.

WARE AND VICINITY.

The Otis Company have resumed the old time, so the help now have the extra hour and a half on Saturday.

Presiding Elder Fellows will preach at the Methodist church next Sunday evening, and the fourth quarterly conference will be held at the close of the service.

Mrs. Wm. Cummings of Ware Center, who was severely injured by falling down stairs on Thursday of last week, is slowly recovering from the effects of the accident.

Rev. John Lyon of Bridgeport, formerly of this place, wandered away from home last week in a fit of temporary insanity, and for several days his family and friends did not know of his whereabouts.

Rev. Pleasant Hunter of Palmer exchanged with Dr. Perkins last Sabbath, giving a touching sermon in the morning on "The Motherly Love of God," and in the evening the address was on the wonderful preservation of the Bible.

Winnie F. Eddy has been awarded the prize for an article in the "Cottage Hearth" descriptive of a picture of little animals in a recent number. No name was given to them and the prize was offered for the best article giving their right name with a description of their life and habits.

The Ware Musical Society will give their seventh grand concert at Music Hall, Thursday evening, April 3d, assisted by the Ruggles street church quartette of Boston, who are said by those who have heard them to surpass even the Temple quartette, who have been received with such great pleasure in the past. The following are the artists composing the quartette: Herbert O. Johnson, 1st tenor; William T. Meck, 2d tenor; Geo. H. Remele, 1st bass; Geo. R. Clark, 2d bass; Leon Keach, pianist. They will sing entirely new selections. The Musical Society, under the direction of E. N. Anderson, will give several miscellaneous pieces.

TOWN MEETING.

Monday being a pleasant day town meeting was largely attended and the result is such that we may expect a different ordering of town affairs from what we have had the two years past. The declaration of the vote was received with howls of pleasure from the victorious party, and bonfires were lighted in the evening but rather fizzled out as the police were on hand. We have heard but one cause for the desire for a change in town officers and that seems to be the rules were drawn a little too tight in reference to the liquor traffic. We give a list of officers elected, the amount of appropriations, etc.:

Selectmen,—J. H. Gilbert, B. Frank Davis, Philip L. Keefe; assessors—Thos. F. Sherman, Henry Bassett, John Osgood; road commissioners—Charles D. Gilbert for three years, John E. Quirk for two years; overseer of the poor—Charles E. Blood for three years; treasurer—Otis Lane; constables—Henry Connell, Henry O. Caryl, Maurice Fitzgerald, Thomas Tobin, William Murray, Thomas O'Connor; board of health—Drs. O. W. Roberts, E. H. Guild, J. E. Quirk; collector of taxes—David P. Billings; measurers of wood, bark and lumber—J. W. Cummings, F. M. Sibley, B. F. Angell, Wm. L. Breckenridge, Fred W. Farrar; auditors—F. D. Gilmore, F. M. Sibley.

On the question of licensing the sale of intoxicating liquors the vote stood: yes, 338; no, 258.

The appropriations were: for cemeteries, $250, and income from Ware River railroad stock; interest on town debt, $1600; use of board of health, $200; for town debt, $7500; library, in addition to dog fund, $1000; highways and bridges, $4000; sidewalks, $500; schools, $9200; land for town barn, $300; memorial day, $100; schools' incidental expences, $1200; salaries of town officers, $1300; street lights, $700; support of poor, $3500; discount on taxes, $1600; police, $1100; voted that no part of this be expended for day watchmen; rent of Music Hall, $75; contingent expenses, $1200; water supply and drainage, $200; to be expended by the following committee: C. C. Hitchcock, J. H. Gilbert, E. H. Guild, M. D., in investigating this matter. Total appropriation, $36,725. Salary of tax collector was fixed at $200. Voted to discount 5 per cent on all taxes paid on or before Aug. 1, 1884, and 2½ per cent on all taxes paid after Aug. 1, and on or before Dec. 1, 1884. J. H. Gilbert has resigned the office of selectman and another town meeting will be called to choose a man to fill his place.

Capt. Austin, who calls himself a crack rifle shot, attempted recently in England the feat of shooting a potato off his wife's head. He succeeded in his first shot, but at the second his bullet struck the unfortunate woman in the forehead where it glanced, saving her from death, it is true, but making a frightful scar three inches long.

A Cape May, N. J., lad 18 years old, named George Grace, who has always possessed a bad temper and not the best of habits, attempted to poison his father, mother, two sisters and two brothers, on Monday, by mixing "Rough on Rats" with the coffee.

A slugging match took place in the New York Petroleum Exchange last Tuesday afternoon, between two men representing two high officials of the exchange. Three rounds were fought, affording much amusement to the spectators.

By lashing two ladders together, watching his opportunity and making a bold break, a convict named Sherwood managed to escape from the Concord prison on Monday morning. He had only two months more to serve.

A young New Yorker pointed a revolver playfully at a lady friend last Saturday, saying that it would mesmerize her. It did, and so effectually that she immediately dropped dead. Of course, the weapon was not loaded.

A Long Island pastor whose church had just paid off its debt celebrated the event last Sabbath by putting the mortgage, bond and promisory notes into a tin sauce-pan and burning them before the congregation.

John B. Griffin of Pawling, N. Y., who some time ago committed murder by throwing dynamite through the window of a dwelling house, has been sentenced to be hanged May 9th.

It is said that when the recent tornado blew down the Baptist church in Mt. Carmel, S. C., the pulpit was left standing and the Bible and all the hymn-books were left undisturbed.

The salvation army has gained many recruits at Lawrence, many of them being young girls of less than 18 years of age, who pound tambourines and parade the streets.

Rev. John Lyon of Bridgeport, Ct., went to Hartford one day last week to visit friends, and has not been heard from since. A good deal of anxiety is felt for his safety.

Neil McIntosh, a Presbyterian elder at Cape Breton, who completed his 100th year last fall, still walks three miles to church every other Sunday.

A young lad of 15 years, living at Jamaica Plains, has been arrested for clipping pieces from the slab above the tomb of Daniel Webster.

Some of the older business men of Cincinnati express alarm that the yield of lard in that city has fallen off 3,296,000 pounds since last season.

A bill has been introduced into the House of Commons to humanize the children, computed at 60,000, who live on barges and in travelling vans.

According to the St. Louis *Druggist*, petroleum wells to the number of 2,890 were put down in 1883, against 3,260 in 1882, and 3,852 in 1881.

Rufus Hatch's Yellowstone Park Improvement company has been managed so badly that it has gone into the hands of a receiver.

A Georgia nurseryman is said to have realized already this season $10,000 from the sale of fruit trees grown on one acre of land.

A block of ice found on the bank of the Tuscarawas river after the break-up contained five large water snakes, frozen fast.

A new oil region, and one that promises to be of great importance, has been opened near Warren, Pa.

NEWS MORSELS.

Neal Dow, the temperance reformer, is 80 years old.

19,350 more emigrants left Irish ports in 1883 than in 1882.

The beet root sugar manufacture is being overdone in Germany.

Newfoundland people were shaken by an earthquake on Tuesday.

Meershaum has been discovered in some parts of North Carolina.

Dennis Kearney runs an employment agency in San Francisco.

The Chicago police are endeavoring to suppress slugging matches.

Sarah Bernhardt has declined an offer to make another American tour.

Col. T. W. Higginson of Cambridge has become a devotee of the tricycle.

English school teachers discipline their pupils by dosing with castor oil.

The Hudson has supplied more ice this winter than in any previous season.

One hundred and twelve lives were lost by the Pocahontas, Va., mine explosion.

In thirty-eight years the number of English daily papers has increased from 14 to 179.

Philadelphia courts granted 33 divorces in February, and 94 new applications were filed.

During the eight months ending with February 266,227 immigrants arrived in this country.

The breaking of a levee near Stockton, Cal., Tuesday night destroyed $500,000 worth of wheat.

A Chicago girl of 14 killed herself with Paris green last week because her mother had scolded her.

Mme. Nilsson gives people to understand that she does not go to dinners where she is expected to sing.

The stealings of Hoboken's absconded collector, it is thought, will reach $100,000. He is believed to be in Quebec.

According to *L. Union Medical* the latest cure for hysterical ladies is to direct them to take champagne twice a day.

It will require charges of powder to remove some of the snow banks along the Pacific railroad tracks in California.

Benjamin Rupert, said to be the oldest Odd Fellows in the United States, died Monday 18 at Dubuque, Iowa, aged 79.

Paris pays 126 doctors $160 a year each to visit the schools twice a month with special reference to contagious diseases.

Experiments made in Philadelphia show that the most satisfactory electric lights are those supplied by underground cables.

A woman named Verrell was frightened to death at Quebec recently by two dogs who rushed at her barking and tore her clothes.

The Harpers have sued the publishers of a Swedish newspaper in Chicago for printing a Swedish translation of "The Bread-Winners."

Artificial ice made from distilled water is the final luxury for New York cocktail drinkers. It is of course very pure, and as clear as crystal.

The calico and printed goods made in Lowell in 1882 would twice encircle the earth at the equator, and then all would not be used to do it.

A man at Oconee, Ga., is digging a cyclone pit under his house, fitted with a trap door. It is large enough to accommodate all his family, and when a storm arises they will take refuge in it.

It is announced that Mrs. Frank Leslie, widow of the New York publisher, is engaged to the Marquis de Spville of France.

Magazines, Etc.

The *Mechanical News*, published by James Leffel & Co., 110 Liberty street, New York, commenced its fourteenth volume last Saturday. It is a bright sheet, giving much information to mechanics and machinists, and is of general interest to all of this class of working men.

The April *Atlantic* opens with the last part of "Drifting Down Lost Creek," by Charles Egbert Craddock. Mr. Crawford's serial, "A Roman Singer," and Dr. Mitchell's "In War Time" both have two new chapters, and deepen the impression already made of these stories. Henry James contributes another of his French travel papers, this time describing Avignon and Orange. "The Return of a Native" is a short story by Edith M. Thomas. Prof. N. S. Shaler, of Harvard College, discusses "The Red Sunsets" and their probable causes; "Annina" is a story of a pretty Waldensian girl, by Charles Dunning; Oliver T. Morton writes about "Presidential Nominations"; Maria Louise Henry contributes a sketch of Madame de Longueville; Bradford Torry has an interesting bird article, entiled "Phillida and Coridon," there are poems by G. P. Lothrop and Helen Gray Cone; reviews of several noteworthy new books, and the contributors' club has extracts from a "Rhymed Letter" by James Russell Lowell, not included in his volumes. Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Boston.

The April issue of the *Electic Magazine* marshals a strong array of well-selected articles leading the way with one by Cardinal Newman, entitled "The Inspiration of Scripture," which professes to give the view of the Roman Church on this subject. Other articles bearing on the interests of religion are: "The Christian Revolution" by W. S. Lilly and "Christianity and Politics," from the *Saturday Review*. A semi-religious paper of interest is by the Bishop of Carlisle, "Thoughts About Apparations." Other papers are: "An Invitation to Dinner," by Andrew Wilson, F. R. S. E., and "The Germ Theory of Zymotic Diseases." H. H. Statham's article on "Mozart" gives an admirable sketch of that great composer. The articles "Tonquin and Annam," and "The Guide of Islam," by Capt. C. R. Conder, R. E., bear on important contempory interests. Readable papers on literary topics are "The Wisdom of Goethe," by Prof. Blackie; "Some Polish Portraits," from the *Cornhill Magazine*; and "The Last Days of Heinrich Heine," from the Pall Mall *Gazette*. Phil Robinson has another paper on animals in poetry, entitled "Bears and Wolves." There is a capital story, "An Adventure in Southern Italy," from *Blackwood's*, and a poem from the same monthly, "Pessimism." Published by E. R. Pelton, 25 Bond street, New York.

The *Art Interchange* of March 13th contains eighteen columns of questions and answers, in which every topic bearing upon art is intelligently discussed. Here are to be found full directions for painting in oil and mineral colors; suggestions for screen-panels, sachets, portieres and instruction in hammered brass. The designs for this issue embrace the study of an owl (life size) for panel decoration; outline design of Cinderella for sketching on linen; poppies for panel; oak-leaf design for modeling in clay; ashberry design for cup and saucer; design of cherries for fruit plate; apple blossoms for vase; rose design for plate; and two sketches for outline embroidery. "Day-Dreams," a reproduction from an etching, and a marine view are among the attractive illustrations. The *Art Interchange* of March 27th will contain two colored studies by Miss Caroline Townsend—one suitable for decorating a hand-bag, and the other a border for stenciling or embroidery. A beautiful design for ceiling decoration, and also a study of a toad, designs for a set of fruit d'Olyles, several designs for small articles in brass repousse work, designs of thistle for cup and saucer decoration, and a panel design of humming-birds. Published by Wm. Whitlock, 140 Nassau street, New York.

Whether the United states are to regain their former pre-eminent rank as a commercial and naval power on the seas, is a question that no American can contemplate with indifference. The subject is discussed with marked ability in the *North American Review* for April, by the Hon. Nelson Dingley, M. C., who opposes the project of admitting foreign-built ships to American register, and by Capt. John Codman. Judge J. A. Jameson, in the same number of the *Review*, discusses the question, "Shall Our Civilization be Preserved," pointing out the means that are at hand for withstanding the various agencies, physical, moral and intellectual, which threaten to overturn our existing civil and social institutions. Rev. Dr. Philip Schaff gives a sketch of the "Development of Religious Freedom," Dr. Felix L. Oswald writes of "Changes in the Climate of North America," with special reference to the increasing frequency of disastrous floods. Prof. C. A. Eggert offers "A Plea for Modern Languages" in the higher education; and Julian Hawthorne discourses of "Literature for Children." Finally, there is a discussion of "Recent Criticisms of the Bible," by Rev. Dr. Heber Newton and the Rev. A. G. Mortimer,

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A negro girl at Marcus, in Jackson county, Ga., has a curious deformity in the way of four feet on two extremities, the two feet on each leg intersecting or crossing each other. Shoes almost in the shape of a cross are made for her feet. The girl has 20 perfect toes and four distinct heels.

The largest bell in the world is now said to be that at Kioto, Japan. It is twenty-four feet high and sixteen inches thick at the rim. It is sounded by a suspended piece of wood, like a battering ram, which strikes it on the outside, and its booming can be heard for miles.

There are supposed to be about 1,000,000 species in the animal kingdom. Of beetles alone over 100,000 species are known, and the whole number of insects is set at 500,000. Of the higher animals there are 1200 mammals, 7500 birds, and 2000 reptiles and 10,000 fishes.

A boy was sentenced by a Laporte, Ind., jury to four years' imprisonment at hard labor for stealing a suit of clothes. A jury in the same town and on the following day gave Henry Augustine only five years' imprisonment for the murder of his uncle and cousin.

Israel Phillips of Greenfield is said to be the oldest commercial traveller in active service in this or any other country. His age is eighty-eight years, and he has pursued his vocation ever since it first became a feature of domestic trade.

Charles Langhermer, better known as "Dickens's Dutchman," died in the Philadelphia Penitentiary Thursday. He had served fifty out of seventy-five years of his life as a convict.

"What is heaven's best gift to man?" she asked, sweetly smiling on him. "Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup," he replied, with prudence. He had just been cured by it of a bad cold.

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At Palmer, 17th, a daughter (Ida) to GEORGE W. WILCOX.

At Brockton, 14th, a son (William W., Jr.,) to W. B. and ADDIE CROSS.

MARRIED.

At Thorndike, 19th, by Rev. D. Atkins, JOHN ROBERTSON and CARRIE E. FERRIS, both of Palmer.

DIED.

At Brimfield, 15th, SALLY BLISS, 81.

At Chicago, Ill., 14th, JOSIE, 38, wife of Thomas Campbell, and daughter of the late Ansel Beebe, Jr., of Monson.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—HAMPDEN, ss. March 15, 1884.

By virtue of an execution which issued on a judgment recovered at the District Court of Eastern Hampden, holden at Palmer, within and for the County of Hampden, on the First day of March current, in favor of C. A. Brown and Ebenezer Brown, both of Palmer, in said county, copartners in business under the firm name of C. A. Brown & Company, and against Henry A. Perry and Jemima A. Perry, otherwise called Mima A. Perry, and both of said Palmer and county aforesaid, I have taken all the right in equity which the within named Henry A. Perry and Jemima A. Perry, otherwise called Mima A. Perry, had on the Eleventh day of February, 1884, the day when the same was attached on mesne process, to redeem certain mortgaged real estate, situate on Fox avenue in said Palmer, bounded and described as follows, to wit: Southwesterly by land of John S. Holden, southeasterly by land of H. P. and J. S. Holden, northeasterly by land of Lois Bowen and northwesterly by the highway, or Fox Avenue so called, containing one-tenth of an acre of land, more or less, with the buildings thereon and being the same premises conveyed by Jemima A. Perry to F. F. Marcy by deed dated March 13, 1878, and recorded with the Hampden registry of deeds, book 349, page 5, and on Friday, the 18th day of April next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, in front of the Court House in said Palmer, I shall offer for sale by public auction to the highest bidder said real estate, above described, and all the right in equity of the said Henry A. Perry and Jemima A. Perry, otherwise called Mima A. Perry thereto.

3w51 J. A. PALMER, Deputy Sheriff.

NOTICE.—Having given my son, Ernest Eugene Towne, his time, I shall collect none of his wages nor pay any debts of his contracting after this date. WM. B. TOWNE.
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Enfield, Mass., March 13, 1884.

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In the matter of the estate of Thomas Mullen, late of Monson in said county diseased, said estate having been declared insolvent and the undersigned having been appointed commissioners, notice is hereby given that a meeting will be held at the office of Allen Webster, No. 438 Main St., Springfield, Mass., on Tuesday, March 25th, 1884, at ten o'clock a. m., at which time said commissioners will receive and examine all claims of creditors against said estate, and hear the parties thereon.

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THE PALMER JOURNAL.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—HAMPDEN SS. PROBATE COURT:—To the next of kin, creditors and all other persons interested in the estate of Julia McGillicuddy, late of Palmer, in said county, deceased, intestate:

Whereas, application has been made to said court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased, to William Holbrook of Palmer, in the county of Hampden,

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Springfield, in said county of Hampden, on the first Tuesday of April next, at nine o'clock before noon, to show cause, if any you have, against granting the same.

And the applicant is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once a week, for three successive weeks, in the newspaper called the Palmer Journal, published at Palmer, the last publication to be two days, at least, before said court.

Witness, William S. Shurtleff, Esquire, Judge of said court, this fourth day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four.

3t49 SAMUEL B. SPOONER, Register.

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Situated in the westerly part of the town of Palmer, Mass., about one mile westerly of Three Rivers village, in said Palmer, on each side of the main road from said Three Rivers to Springfield, containing about 120 acres of land, well divided into mowing, pasturing, tillage and wood land, and a thrifty young orchard that has borne good apples; also plums, cranberries, cherries and grapes. One good dwelling house with nine rooms and wood shed. One large barn, with shed attached, and a good horse barn, nearly new, with shed for carriages, a good ice house and ice house, and a good well of water, and a good stream of water near said house and passing through the pastures, and has been used for irrigating the mowing. The reason for selling is the former owners are deceased. For further particulars inquire of Mrs. J. Miller, South Hadley Falls, or of Enos Calkins, Palmer, Mass., who will be pleased to show the premises to those who wish to purchase a farm.

MRS. J. MILLER.
Palmer, Feb. 26th, 1884. 5w48

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One horse power Wood Saw, one Gray Horse, 6 years old, extra worker; one Brown Horse, good worker; two buggies, one buckboard, one two-horse wagon, new one; one-horse wood wagon, one two-horse sled, one pair team harness, made to order; one business wagon, 4 seats, for one or two horses, nearly new; also one feed box, hay cutter, chains, plows, blankets, etc. All will be sold cheap for cash, as I have no further use for them.

3w48 HENRY C. N. CROSS, Thorndike, Mass.

NOTICE is hereby given that the subscriber has been duly appointed administratrix of the estate of Lorin A. Bliss, late of Monson, in the county of Hampden, deceased; and has taken upon herself that trust by giving bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to HELEN F. BLISS, Administratrix.
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That I really don't know what to do.
There's Bess, who forever is talking
Of my lovely moustache and hair;
And Blanche, who declares that with emeralds—
I mean sapphires—my eyes can compare;
And Ethel, who says I'm distingue:
And Jennie, who calls me her lamb—
Oh, by Jove! it is quite overwhelming
To a fellow as shy as I am—
As modest and shy as I am.

There's Annie, who models my hand;
There's Nellie, who sketches my face;
And the charming young widow Bell Lester,
Who writes of my exquisite grace—
And soon they will be proposing,
Oh, by Jove! how I wish I could sleep,
Or lose about half my attractions
Till the end of the year that's called "leap;"
For I don't—no, I don't want to marry,
And to have the girls courting me so.
Oh, by Jove, it is quite overwhelming
To a very shy fellow you know—
A modest young fellow you know.

—*Harper's Bazar.*

CAPTAIN MARY MILLER.

Every ten or twelve days the habitue of the levee hears sounding across the river where it washes the big foot of Canal street, a peculiar, pert little whistle, and a small, queer looking craft comes with a steady, sturdy motion, swinging into port. Alongside of the big up-river boat this craft ties up, lying like a pigmy 'twixt giants. The hind part of the "Saline" is well boxed up in front, there's room for much freight, and a pair of stairs as straight and as steep as the path of the righteous lead to the upper deck, and office and living cabins of the boat. On top of the cabin deck squats a pilot house, out of which many and many a time dwellers on Bayou Bœuf, Bayou Macon and along the yellow Red river have seen the smart, handsome, shrewd, but womanly face of Captain Mary Miller, peering, as she carefully, but with the air of conscious capability, pulled at her wooden reins and guided the Saline in and out and all around the torturous windings of Louisiana waters. The Saline was built, is owned and run by Captain Miller, the husband of Captain Mary Miller. She makes a round trip 1,000 miles in length, and does business mostly on her own hook. The small cabin is the floating home of the only woman steamboat captain in America. One day last week a *Picayune* reporter crawled gingerly up the stairway and got into the Saline's cabin. First door on the inside opened into the office, then the passage was broadened and expanded into the proportions of a good sized room. On one side bunks were ranged, with red chintz curtains tucked away from them and suggesting the possibility of semi-privacy when night came on and the tired passengers or crew turned in. A big cannon stove, at that moment red as a turkey-gobbler's wattles, stood roaring and groaning in the middle of the floor; beyond it two doors evidently shut off two full-blown staterooms. A sewing machine and some dainty work mightily like a child's dress was in view, and by the stove in a splint-bottomed rocking-chair sat Mary Miller.

Mrs. Miller is a trim, bonny little woman, whom nobody would credit with years enough to be the mother, as she is, of a family of four children, two of whom are almost grown.

The reporter was made welcome with the off-hand hearty hospitality that seems natural with almost all steamboat folks, and being seated in another rocking-chair—sure evidence of a woman's management, the talk naturally turned to Mrs. Miller's unusual life.

"I come of a steamboat family," said the lady; "my father was a steamboat man, and after I married Captain Miller—that was seventeen years ago—I of course spent much of my time on the river. We have a beautiful home at Louisville, and my little ones are all there now, but for the past four years I have been living mainly on a boat. My husband used to do nothing but pilot, and I spent much of my time in the pilot house and learned to manage a boat and how to navigate certain rivers in spite of myself. There is no reason why a woman should not know or learn how to manage a boat as well as a sewing machine."

"Women often lack confidence in their own ability," hazarded the reporter.

She stared a bit, and then said: "Yes, that is true. They know what to do, but prefer to stand by and tell some man how to do it for them. But, as I was saying, I learned to handle a boat as well as any man on the river, and several years ago I had occasion to test my ability. Once my husband fell ill with fever, and we had a run of half a hundred miles to make, with several landings, in a very crooked bayou. I took the boat's wheel and got through all right, although you would have laughed over the amazement of the natives to see a woman piloting. Several years ago we had to go and take off loaded barges from a large boat stuck on the sandbar above Cairo. My husband had to leave our boat to remain on the other, which was leaking badly, and so I took the deck, had the barges made fast to us, turned the boat round and carried her down to Cairo. Captain Cannon said then I had as good a right to a captain's license as any man on the river."

"What do you do with yourself all the time, Mrs. Miller?" asked the reporter.

"Well, I manage all the money matters. When we are up in the parishes, I buy and load the boat with cotton seed, which I buy after inspecting samples, and bring to New Orleans and sell out to merchants. We carry other freight, of course, and I buy all the boat's provisions, and provisions, also, to sell to the plantation hands up the country. Then I do all the collecting and banking business. At first the merchants thought it odd to see a woman come in collecting, but I have never yet been treated with anything but courtesy and kindness; and, beside, they never halloo out to me to 'call again,' as they might to a man."

"Possessed of your captain's license, what do you mean to do?"

"I shall keep on just as I am moving, except that I shall be oftener on deck and looking after the boat when she lands and puts freight off or on. I wanted a license because I had earned it and wished to undertake, when necessary, the free duties of a steamboat captain.

"You must not think my life has been eventful. We have never had any accidents happen to us since we have been on the river, and I am not afraid of any. Ours is a thousand mile trip, and I sew, read, write to the children, make out bills, and take the deck when necessary. Not many boats take our route. It is through a beautiful, hilly country, and the people we meet at landings all know me. Most of them call me Captain Miller already."

"Do you think steamboating would be a good profession for a woman?"

"Certainly not, unless it had come to her, not she to it—as in my own case. Steamboating was forced on me, and the happiest thing it has taught me is that whatever a man may learn to do, a woman may also, providing it is not a question of muscle."

Somebody poked an enquiring head in at the door and asked Mrs. Miller if she taken on that circular saw for the "wilderness."

Mrs. Miller donned her business air and the reporter withdrew.—*New Orleans Picayune.*

WORSHIP OF THE SUN.

In old times men worshipped the sun as a God. They knelt in adoration before his glorious orb and raised their voices in supplication to him, as to a being who could hear their prayers and grant them what they wished. How widely prevalent that religion of sun-worship was, we cannot now tell; but there are traces in the purer religions of later times of that old system. Even in our own time, quite a number of ceremonial observances can be referred back to the time when the rising and setting sun was regarded as a god, when the annual movement of the sun, carrying him now below, now above the equator, was followed as the motion of a deity; now, withdrawing anon renewing his favoring glances, while the critical epochs when the sun-god was passing the equator, ascendingly or descendingly, were celebrated as religious festivals, of which the Feast of the Passover (and our own Easter in its seasonal or astronomical aspect) and the Feast of the Tabernacles are adumbrations, though associated now with purified religions ideas. We are apt to smile at these old faiths, if we do not utterly contemn them; but in a sense they were reasonable enough at the time when they prevailed. If under any circumstances men might forget the Creator and worship the creature, it was in the case of sun-worship. To say truth, there is no apter emblem of the Diety than the sun. Too glorious to be regarded save as through a veil, the sun is the source of every form existing on this earth. His might is exerted for our benefit even when we see him not. In the night hours, as well as throughout the day, the sun is at work holding not only the earth, but his whole family of planets, at their due distance to receive his rays. When he is hidden behind dense clouds, when darkness encompasses the earth, he is still at work for us. Nay, the very clouds which hide his rays are due to his labor on our behalf; even when their gloom seems greatest, they are preparing under his beneficent beams to drop fatness on the earth. Science, however, which has shown the sun as the true source of clouds and rain, hail and snow, wind and storm, of all the material forces at work in the air, on the sea, and on land, the nourisher of vegetation and of every form of life, shows that he works according to natural laws. Sun-worship is shown by science to be a gross materialistic religion. It has been rejected as unworthy of reasoning men, understanding what the sun really is. In this science has done what over and over again science has had to do, and has been reproached for doing—until, with the advance of knowledg it has been seen that in pointing out what is material and unworthy in the cruder forms of worship, science has not been materialistic, but the reverse. Science leaves what lies at the back of each even of these imperfect religions, and the mystery which must exist in all forms of worship, if they be true for those who hold them. Nor need we fear that, as science shows the real nature of what in earlier times had been mysterious, the mysteries of Nature will be rendered fewer or less impressive. On the contrary, behind each law which science has interpreted, each mystery explained, if in truth science can be said really to explain anything, are even found greater mysteries, inasmuch that it may be doubted whether the human mind, as at present constituted, could bear the contemplation of the overwhelming mysteries lying (we may be well assured) behind those which science now confronts—the mysteries of universal attraction and universal repulsion, of the infinitely little, of infinite space and infinite time, of infinite variety, and, in fine, of infinite power.—*Richard Proctor in Knowledge.*

THROW UP YOUR CHIN.

The following bit of advice is well worth heeding by our young girls and boys. There is nothing like a strong pair of lungs, with every muscle in its right place and training, to promote perfect health of body and mind. Moreover, an erect carriage will produce an elegant and refined appearance.

The whole secret of standing and walking erect consists in keeping the chin well away from the breast. This throws the head upward and backward, and the shoulders will naturally settle backward in their position. Those who stoop in walking generally look downward. The proper way is to look straight ahead, upon the same level with your eyes, or, if you are inclined to stoop, until that tendency is overcome look rather above than below the level. Mountaineers are said to be as "straight as an arrow," and the reason is because they have to look upward so much. It is simply impossible to stoop in walking if you heed and practice this rule. You will notice that all round-shouldered persons carry the chin near the breast, and pointed downward.

The time may be delayed, the manner may be unexpected, but sooner or later, in some form or other, the answer is sure to come. Not a tear of sacred sorrow, not a breath of holy desire, poured out in prayer to God, will ever be lost; but in God's own time and way it will be wafted back again in clouds of mercy, and fall in showers of blessings on those for whom you pray.—*Prof. W. S. Tyler.*

If the eyes were really windows to the heart, green goggles would become extremely fashionable.—*Whitehall Times.*

A woman who wants a charitable heart wants a pure mind.

WASHINGTON.

The capital of the Republic is not unworthy of the great and prosperous country in which it occupies the first place. Washington is an absolute creation of the Federal Congress. Other cities have grown, but Washington was made. The site chosen for the seat of Government was well adapted for the purpose, though some of the lower ground is said to be conducive to malaria. Large ideas pervaded the founders of the city. They provided for a development commensurate with the development of the nation. Hence they placed the public departments so far away from each other that Washington was happily designated the City of Magnificent Distances. The distances are still magnificent; but the intervening spaces have now almost all been filled up with handsome residences. The streets and avennes are all broad, all planted with trees, and nearly all asphalted. It is said that the average width is double that of the streets and avenues of Paris and Berlin. Pennsylvania avenue seemed to me even finer than the Champs Elysees. The management of the thoroughfares is placed in the hands of a parking commission, which has done its work so well that upwards of 67,000 trees have been planted under its direction. Trees of the same variety are placed in each street or avenue, regard being had to the surrounding conditions. For instance, preference is given in the lower locations to the California poplar, which, in its power of absorbing miasmatic exhalations, bears a strong resemblance to the encalyptus, which cannot be successfully grown so far north. The result of the Parking Commission's operations is that 130 miles of shaded walks are provided for the use and enjoyment of the citizens of Washington. Many of the public buildings are splendid specimens of architecture. The Capitol, however, overshadows them all. Situated on an elevation in the centre of the city, it commands a clear and unobstructed view on every side. Nothing can be finer than the prospect from the Capitol—the city, embosomed in trees, lying below; the broad waters of the Potomac beyond; and beyond the Potomac again the Heights of Arlington, where, around the ancestral home of the late General Lee, 16,000 Federal and Confederate soldiers lie side by side in one common graveyard. From the Potomac, too, the city has a charming appearance, crowned as it is by the dome of the Capitol, which shines in the sun like a globe of polished silver. I have seen many of the capitals of Europe. I have seen London, Edinburgh and Dublin; I have seen Paris, Berlin and Brussels; I have seen Copenhagen, Christiana, Dresden and the Hague. But I have seen none that surpasses for effect the City of Magnificent Distances.—*Our American Cousins.*

VENTILATION THROUGH WINDOWS.

Assuming that the most safe and effectual means of obtaining fresh air in the house is still by way of the window, notwithstanding the variety of other devices for the purpose, the Lancet says that the practice of window ventilation, begun in warm weather, may be carried on with proper care through autumn and winter. The constantly accumulating impurities derived from breath, from perspiration, from excreta of other kinds collected in sleeping rooms, from the use of gas or lamplight, and too often, even now, from suction of sewage gas from waste pipes by the heat of house fires, etc., render it as necessary for health as for comfort that these should have free egress, and that they should be substituted by the pure outer air. Fresh air from without may very easily be had without draught, and without risk of cold even to delicate persons if a few simple rules be observed. The cold air of winter, of course, enters with greater force and in greater proportional volume than the more equal summer air into a warm room. The aperture of ingress must be correspondingly diminished. Air from a window is preferable to that from an open inner door, no matter how roomy the house, from its more reliable purity. If the window be the inlet, the fire, fire-place, or it may be the door of a room in summer acting as an outlet it may be opened from the top, the extent being regulated according to the outer temperature. There is then a direct inward current at the upper part, which follows the roof of the room, thus mingling with any heated waste products which require to be removed, and an interrupted current at the middle, the previous line of junction of the upper and lower sashes; both are broken and diffused by the blinds or curtains. Venetians for this purpose should be turned upward. A window should never be made to ventilate by opening it from below, unless the open lower space be filled up in some way and ventilation be carried on at the middle where the sashes join—otherwise draughts are unavoidable. The ventilating pane is a hardly less simple and equally efficient and safe method with either of the others. Window ventilation is especially useful in bedrooms, and its efficiency or otherwise cannot fail to affect the vital powers of the occupant, who, in his slumbers, must trust to other energies than his own for the removal of these impurities and morbific germs which his every breath multiplies around him.

HOMEOPATHY AS A SCIENCE.

The most conversant with Nature's laws assert, and truly, that she makes no exceptions: the law of gravity, that water seeks its own level; that the pressure of water is equal in all directions; that sound ascends, and that heat expands. It was this universality of the law of Nature which enabled the great naturalist, Cuvier, to construct a whole skeleton from two or three bones. So, with equal certainties, if necessary, could the skeleton of the homœpathic law be envolved from this single bone of its structure—vaccination. Starting from different standpoints, the old and new schools have progressed in the same direction, to diminish doses, both in size and repetition. This is concedely due in the old school to the influence of homœpathy, in the new it is the growth of its own experience.—*Popular Science Monthly.*

Who overcomes by force, hath overcome but half his foe.—*Milton.*

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There wan't any use o' fretting,
An' I told Obadiah so,
For ef we couldn't hold to things,
We'd jest got to let 'em go.
There were lots of folks that'd suffer
Along with the rest of us,
An' it didn't seem to be worth our while
To make such a dreful fuss.

To be sure the barn was 'most empty,
An' corn an' pertaters scarce,
An' not much of anything plenty and cheap
But water—an' apple sass.
But then—as I told Obadiah—
It wasn't any use to groan,
For flesh an' blood couldn't stan' it; an' he
Was nothin' but skin and bone.

But laws! ef you'd only heered him,
At any hour of the night,
A-prayin' out in the closet there,
'Twould have set you crazy quite.
I patched the knees of those trousers
With cloth that was no ways thin,
But it seemed as ef the pieces wore out
As fast as I set 'em in.

To me he said mighty little
Of the thorny way we trod,
But at least a dozen times a day
He talked it over with God.
Down on his knees in that closet
The most of his time was passed;
For Obadiah knew how to pray
Much better than how to fast.

But I am that way contrairy
That ef things don't go just right
I feel like rollin' my sleeves up high
An' gettin' ready to fight;
And the giants I slew that winter
I ain't going to talk about;
An' I didn't even complain to God,
Though I think that he found it out.

With the point of a cambric needle
I drav the wolf from the door,
For I knew we needn't starve to death,
Or be lazy because we were poor.
An' Obadiah he wondered,
An' kept me patchin' knees,
An' thought it strange how the meals held out
An' stranger we didn't freeze.

But I said to myself in whispers,
"God knows where his gift descends;
An' 'tisn't always that faith gets down
As far as the finger ends."
An' I wouldn't have no one reckon
My Obidiah a shirk,
For some, you know, have the gift to pray,
And others the gift to work.

—*Josephine Pollard.*

A BREACH OF DISCIPLINE.

"It's no use speaking, Brereton, I must go."

"Are you mad, Kendall? It's your night on guard, and you know what a martinet the Colonel is."

"Confound the Colonel! I tell you, I will go. The Colonel's not a dancing man. He'll know nothing about it."

Don't you believe it. The Colonel's thick with those Lindsay girls, and I'll bet you ten to one he's there to meet them."

"O hang it! I'll take my chance then," was the reply, in the dogged tone of a man who knows he is in the wrong, but does not choose to yield.

The speakers were two officers of the ——th Regiment, which had been quartered for the last six months at Singleboro. The subject of discussion was a great public ball which was to take place that evening. The regiment was to be relieved in a day or two, and the ball would be the last at which the gallant officers of the ——th would appear in that hospitable town. It had been a gay season, and the red-coats had entered heartily into the festivities, and now, that their departure drew nigh, there might have been many an incipient heartache in a gentle bosom here and there. The girls, indeed, of that favored district were so pretty that even a brave soldier might be excused if a pang shot through his manly breast at the thought of leaving them behind.

Captain Kendall looked very obstinate as he answered the prudent admonitions of his friend Brereton, who gave a long whistle, and tapped the ground ominously with his cane.

"I gave you credit for more common sense," he resumed, after a pause.

"Then you were mistaken, you see."

"So it seems, but it is an awful pity. You'll be cashiered to a certainty, for the old fellow is as keen as a hawk and is sure to find you out. I say, man, be advised; give it up; the game's too dangerous."

"Pooh!" exclaimed the other testily. "I tell you the Colonel wont be there, and if he were, trust to me to dodge him. Why, bless you! he's blind as a mole!"

His friend looked utterly unconvinced, but remonstrance was plainly of no use.

"It's all because of that Leslie girl," he remarked ruefully, for he was honestly attached to his mess-mate, and saw clearly the consequences which might be expected to follow upon his attendance at the ball. "Lord! what an ass spooning makes of a fellow! Thank Heaven, I'm not in love!"

"Spare your eloquence and have done now, can't you?" replied Capt. Kendall, ungraciously. "Go I must and will, but trust to me to take care of myself."

The two friends walked down the rest of the street in silence till Brereton turned into his club, while the other went on, with a slightly anxious frown on his handsome, sun-burnt face, and swinging his cane uneasily. He knew Brereton was right, but wrong is apt to be stronger than right sometimes, and the temptation in this case was powerful. He was about to commit, deliberately, a glaring breach of military discipline, which, if discovered, would assuredly cost him dear, and put an end to more pleasant hopes than one. Nevertheless, he was quite determined to risk it. It was his duty that night to keep guard at the Royal Bank, and his Colonel was not a man who would lightly overlook even a trifling offence against the military code.

What, then, was the motive which could induce this gallant young officer of her Majesty's service, who had already won distinction for his bravery on the battle-field, and who had always acquitted himself well and honorably heretofore, to plan recklessly so grave an infringement of duty as the abandonment of the post he was in all honor bound to guard?

We offer no excuse. But the explanation of his conduct must be found in his state of mind, which was abnormal. Brereton was right. There was a woman in the case. Before his mind's eye there danced a lovely vision that lured the infatuated young man from the right path; a pair of blue eyes, a sweet smile, a graceful girlish form, to gaze on which the foolish fellow would have traveled miles.

And she was to be at the ball, surrounded by admiring swains, of one or two of whom he was madly jealous; and who knew what might happen while he was absent?

He might of course have spoken a certain momentous word before, and he had thought, now and then, that it would have fallen on reluctant ears. But he had gone on basking in the sunshine of her sweet smiles, too happy in the present to think much of the future, and he had just heard casually that to-morrow morning early she was to leave town for her home in the country.

To-day, too, chance had brought a sudden revelation to his heart. Till then he had not been fully aware of the strength of his own feelings for that blue-eyed charmer. On turning down a street corner, he had come suddenly face to face with her, and in close attendance upon her was Maddox of the ——th Lancers, a brilliant Adonis whom ladies were terribly partial to. In his face Harry Kendall read something that made him tremble for his own hopes, and showed him, too, in a startling moment of time, how his whole life's happiness was bound up in them. The rapid glance of recognition awoke a storm of anxious fears in his breast, and left the green-eyed monster raging there.

Was he at this important crisis of fate to stand tamely aside and to leave her to the wiles of that handsome Lothario, to be whirled away from him for ever in the waltz, during the enchanted hours of that festive night, while he kept up his lonely watch over old money-bags? Maddening thought! And to-morrow she would be gone. Oh, why had he not known sooner? To-morrow would be too late!

No; he could not let love and happiness go down the stream without making an effort to hold them fast. Duty might go to the winds for once. He would go to the ball where he could see her that night. And as to the Colonel? Surely he would not spoil his stately, antiquated presence in such a giddy, uncongenial scene. And if he did—Brereton might say what he pleased—the Colonel's shortness of sight was proverbial!

Alas! Venus with her wicked elf Cupid had strangely bewitched this misguided son of Mars, as there is evidence enough to prove that they have bewitched many a stalwart hero in every age and clime.

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The bank, a great solid building of dark stone, stood in an enclosure. At the rear was a court encircled by a fence, in which was a small wicket gate opening into a lane a short distance below the main entrance, and used chiefly for communication with the back premises. At night it was always kept locked. The front of the building, on the other hand, faced one of the principal thoroughfares, and was approached through a massive outer gate, which, like the smaller one, was carefully closed after nightfall.

Capt. Kendall did not change his mind. As the evening wore on, he slipped out, merely informing the sentinel that he should return soon. The old soldier, who had known and loved his young officer for some years, shook his head ominously as he saw him depart, but inwardly resolved to keep his counsel if possible.

The truant meanwhile sped on his wilful way, and banishing all anxious reflections, appeared in the ball room in time to secure the hand of his fair charmer for several dances. Fortune seemed to favor him, and the coast was clear. The Colonel was not to be seen, and no one else cared to inquire too curiously what officer ought to be on guard at the bank that particular night. As he led out the lady, the scapegrace lover had the satisfaction of seeing his rival turn away with a lowering brow. He was determined to lose no time now. In the maze of the waltz, while the soft undulating strains of Strauss steeped the senses of the dancers in sweet dreams of delight, under the roseate light of the many wax candles in that perfumed, crowded ball-room, a question was asked, and an answer tremulously whispered, which transported two young people into a temporary paradise of their own creating, where there were only they two, and no room for any other besides. No wonder that at such a moment all minor sublunary considerations were forgotten.

But when a brief ecstatic hour had passed and they emerged once more from the rosy pavillion whither they had retreated among the flowers, there loomed, dark and erect in the distant doorway of the adjoining ball-room, a tall martial figure, whose gray head towered above the company; a vision which struck a sudden chill to the ardent lover's heart.

"By Jove!" he exclaimed with a start. "There's the Colonel!"

The sharp ejaculation breaking in strangely upon the dulcet tones of love, astonished the pretty little creature who hung on his arm.

"What of the Colonel?" she asked, softly. "Why should not he be here, poor man?"

"Because I am here who ought to be on guard in —— street, and because I shall be cashiered to a certainty if he sees me," was the abrupt reply.

"Oh, do go away this minute. Do, dear Harry!" she pleaded in terrified, beseeching accents.

He looked at her, then around him, irresolute for a moment. The Colonel had turned his back and was moving into another room. No, he could not go just yet, the temptation to stay was too strong.

"Leave you now, when we are happy and are to be parted so soon? No, I cannot, darling," he whispered fondly. "But never fear, we will keep out of his way."

She did not urge him any more. She did not fully understand the magnitude of the offence, nor the risk it involved, and was too glad to keep him a little longer by all available means.

There were a number of reception rooms in the *locale* where the ball was held, all of which were thrown open for the occasion. Keeping a cautious eye around them, the young people contrived to pass from one apartment to another, whenever they detected the dreaded form of the Colonel approaching. After a time he settled down quietly at a whist-table in the distance, and they gave themselves up with reckless gayety to the enjoyment of the evening.

Another hour passed, and supper-time came, and still they danced or lingered in quiet nooks, and managed to elude the eyes whose recognition was so carefully to be avoided.

What a comfort it is that he is such a may-pole, and may be observed from afar!" laughed the girl, who had caught the infection of her lover's audacity.

At length the dreaded time for parting was at hand. The early morning train was to bear away the lady to her father's summer residence, and thus to separate for a while the newly plighted pair. What wonder, that in those last few precious moments they forgot all precautions, and saw and heard nothing in each other's all engrossing presence? He followed her to the hall, and folded the shawl carefully around her graceful form; for another happy minute yet he stood with her hand locked in his, meeting all her heart shining out of her deep blue eyes. Then the carriage door closed with a sharp bang, which struck cold and heavy on his ear, as rolling wheels bore her away into the night.

Perhaps his eyes were somewhat dazzled by the bright parting glance he had drunk in so eagerly, for all other things around him looked dim. Presently he turned listlessly to take his hat and depart in his turn, still feeling like one that dreams. Suddenly, however, something impelled him to look up, and what was his dismay, when he found himself face to face with—the Colonel!

There was a crowd of departing guests in the hall, and as they gathered and jostled each other, the two men who had been thus unexpectedly brought together were again borne apart. The recognition was but instantaneous therefore, and in another moment the junior officer had contrived to mingle with and disappear in the crowd. But by the stern, astonished gaze which had met his eye for that brief instant, he knew that he had been identified, and that the Colonel fully remembered where he ought to have been.

If he still ventured to retain any hope that the recognition had not been complete, such hope was promptly dispelled by the order which presently rang out in ominous tones from the Colonel's well-known voice of thunder.

"Drive to the Royal Bank instantly!" it said with awful distinctness. "And go as fast as you can."

Capt. Kendall had managed to slip unobserved through the doorway, and he now stood in the street.

What was to be done? The carriages that were waiting there were all private ones. The hackney coaches were far down the file, and even had he been lucky enough to secure one in time, the rattle of the wheels at that dead hour of the night, speeding in the same direction as the Colonel's carriage, or indeed the very fact of a vehicle stopping before the bank would have convicted him at once. There was not a moment to be lost.

At this crisis fortunately his wits did not forsake him. A sudden inspiration presented itself to his mind, and his decision was taken in a twinkling. Favored by the opportune darkness, he crept round to the back of the Colonel's carriage, and just as it was starting, he sprang up nimbly on the step behind. The coachman whipped up his horses and rattled his wheels through the still streets of the sleeping city, clearing the distance in double-quick time, in order to forestall the return of the delinquent officer. Neither master nor man guessed that their hot haste was bearing back the truant to his post. Within the carriage the Colonel sat still and erect, as became a worthy disciplinarian, wholly intent on the conviction of his peccant junior, in whose impending discomfiture he could not help feeling a grim and righteous satisfaction. At the back the Captain sat crouching on the step, desperately concerting his measures.

"Impudence! stand my friend through this scrape," he mentally ejaculated. "Perhaps all this is not lost yet." When the carriage turned into——street and the bank appeared in view, he jumped lightly down, and under the friendly cover of night, ran to the small wicket gate in the lane. Most luckily he had taken the key with him, and hurriedly letting himself in, he passed swiftly through the court, and came up with the sentinel inside the big gate, while the carriage was taking the longer curve which led up to the front. How he blessed the chance impulse which had induced him to take that key!

"The Colonel's there," he said breathlessly, "Don't be too quick in undoing the chain. Give me as long as you can. And I say, Dickson," he added anxiously, "mum is the word, you know—if you can."

"Ay! ay! sir." muttered the old sentinel as he shuffled slowly along. He was very partial to the young man, and not so much so to the colonel.

The captain passed hurriedly within.

Just then the bell of the great gate rang out a long, resounding peal.

The sentinel clanked the chain noisily as he hooked and unhooked it, fumbled with the key in the lock, and made such judicious delays as enabled the officer on guard to compose himself in attendance at his post, before the heavy doors turned on their hinges to admit the Colonel.

"Where is captain Kendall?" he asked, as he alighted, in stentorian tones which vibrated strangely through the silence, with a sort of angry expectant note of triumph.

"On guard, sir," answered the soldier curtly.

"What?" cried the Colonel, in the shrillest of accents. He was too utterly taken aback to say another word. The sentinel, adopting his usual stolid demeanor, took no notice of his evident astonishment. Captain Kendall heard the inquiry from within and came forward. Repressing any inward tremors he might feel, he resolved to put a bold face on the matter.

"Here, sir; do you require me?" he asked coolly.

The Colonel stared at him. His face, with its expression of mingled sternness and entire bewilderment, would have been no mean study for a painter.

He could hardly believe his eyes. Keenly scrutinizing the younger man, who did not quail before his gaze, he said stiffly, after a pause of some seconds:

"I certainly thought, sir, I saw you at the ball in D—— street just now!"

"Me, sir?" replied the other audaciously. "Why, I am on guard, sir."

"It is very singular," resumed the Colonel, without relaxing his scrutiny and slightly raising his voice. "I could have sworn I saw you there!"

"Very singular, indeed, sir," retorted the delinquent, gaining boldness from the very extremity of the strait to which he found himself reduced; "since a man can't be in two places at once, and you have found me here. A case of mistaken identity perhaps, sir."

The two men stood still eyeing each other, one keenly eager to detect, the other as eagerly seeking to avoid detection. The Colonel was completely baffled. The man was before him—that was certain; but how, having left him, as he felt sure he had done, among the guests at the ball, he came to be there now, was inexplicable. Not having wings wherewith to fly, how on earth had the fellow got there? Could he have been mistaken, he wondered for a moment. But no, he knew he had not.

He shifted the form of his interrogation.

"Then you were not at the ball?" he asked very pointedly.

The young officer was worthy of all condemnation for having forsaken the post of duty. But though he had acted inexcusably, he was still a gentlemen, and he would not pollute his lips with a lie. He hesitated for a reply; then parried the question with another.

"How could I be at the ball when you find me here, sir," he asked.

Yes, how; that was the mystery, the simple solution of which was the furthest in the world from presenting itself to the Colonel's brain. He knew that it was quite impossible for another carriage to have arrived before his own. His coachman had driven quickly enough to satisfy even his impatience, and he could not have failed to notice if another vehicle had preceded or followed his through the deserted streets. He could not in the least understand it.

Silent, but wholly unconvinced, he sat down in the hall to think what it might behoove him to say or do next, while the junior officer bustled about in a restless fashion, setting refreshments before him, and awkwardly attempting to turn the conversation into another channel. The Colonel answered at random, for his thoughts were perplexing. Mystified, and righteously set on convicting the offender as he doubtless was, he could not help, nevertheless, feeling a perception of the comical side of the question. He felt, too, that however fully persuaded he might be in his own mind of Capt. Kendal's offence, it would perhaps be a difficult matter to prove it. At length he cleared his throat portentiously and returned to the charge:

"Look here, Capt. Kendall," said he, in accents which somehow had taken a milder sound from the bent of his cogitations, "it's no use beating about the bush; I could stake my existence that I saw you at the ball. But how you came to be here now is another matter, and I don't pretend to know how you managed it. You had better make a clean breast of it, and though it would be my duty to take proceedings against you—yet if you will explain, it is possible that I may just for once, considering the peculiar features of the case, be induced to take a lenient view of a very grave misdemeanor, sir."

Thus encouraged, the culprit, who detected a kindly twinkle in the usually stern gray eye which was fixed upon him, made a full and free confession of his fault, and of the causes which led thereto.

The Colonel, though well advanced in the vale of years, had not outlived the memory of his youthful hopes, and was a kindly man, though a strict disciplinarian. The young lady whose fair image had lured the lover from his duty, was rather a favorite with him, and considering, as he had said, the peculiar feature of the case, he consented to overlook the offence, and inflicted no worse punishment on the delinquent than a reprimand, which was received in dutiful silence, and with all due contrition.

Six months later the Colonel made an eloquent speech at the wedding of two happy young people, on which occasion Capt. Brereton acted as best man. Then two sweet blue eyes looked playfully into his, as the pretty bride thanked him, in a mysterious whisper for the solitary, memorable occasion when he had consented, for once in his life, to overlook and condone a signal breach of discipline.—*Temple Bar.*

Dr. Burton, in the second lecture of the Lyman Beecher course, amused the Yale students by his answer to the question: "How plainly should a preacher show the skeleton of his sermon?" "About as plainly as he would show his own." The answer is as wise as it is witty.

"Now, children," she continued, "what is the meal you eat in the morning called?" "Oatmeal," promptly replied a member of the class.

Flirtation.

What is flirtation? Really,
How can I answer that?
Yet when she smiles I see his wiles,
And when he lifts his hat.

'Tis heeling in the ball-room,
'Tis whirling in the dance;
With something hid beneath the lid
Besides a simple glance.

'Tis walking in the hallway,
'Tis resting on the stair;
'Tis bearded lips on finger tips
(If mamma is not there.)

'Tis going out for ices,
'Tis buttoning on a glove;
'Tis lips that speak of plays next week,
And eyes that talk of love.

'Tis tucking in a carriage,
'Tis asking for a call;
'Tis lifted eyes and tender sighs,
And that is—no, not all.

'Tis parting when 'tis over,
And one goes home to sleep;
Tra la, my friend, best joys must end—
But one goes home to weep.

—*Ella Wheeler.*

A YANKEE DRUMMER

Sheriff Wiggins, of Dallas, Texas, made it a prominent part of his business to ferret out and publish commercial travellers who travelled in Texas without a license; but one morning he met his match—a real genuine Yankee drummer. "What have you to sell? Anything?" asked the sheriff, as he met the Connecticut man on the streets.

"Oh, yes; I'm selling medicine—patent medicine. It's the best thing in the world. You ought to try a bottle. It will cure your ager, cure rheumatism—cure everything.

"And you will sell me a case?"

"Sartainly, sir; glad to."

Then the sheriff bought a case.

"Anything more?" asked the drummer.

"Yes, sir; I want to see your license for selling goods in Texas. That is my duty as high sheriff of Dallas county."

The drummer showed him a document, fixed up good and strong, in black and white. The sheriff looked at it, and pronounced it "all right." Then turning to the commercial traveller, he said:—

"I don't know, now that I've bought this stuff, that I shall ever want it. I reckon that I may as well sell it to you again. What will you give for it?"

"Oh, I don't know as the stuff is of any use to me; but seeing its you, sheriff, I'll give you a dollar for the lot, if you raly don't want it."

The sheriff delivered back the medicine at four dollars discount from his own purchase, and received his change.

"Now" said the drummer, "I've got a question or tew to ask you. Hev you got a drummer's license about your trouses, anywhere?"

"No; I haven't any use for the article myself," replied the sheriff.

"Hain't, eh? Wal, I guess we'll see about that pretty soon. Ef I understand the law, it's a clean case that you've been tradin' with me, and hawkin' and peddlin' patent medicine on the highway, and I shall inform on you—blamed if I don't!"

When the Yankee reached the court-house he made his complaint, and the sheriff was fined eight dollars for selling goods without a license. The sheriff was heard afterward to say, that "you might as well try to hold a greased eel as a live Yankee."

TREATMENT OF HYSTERIA.

1. Young ladies are the most frequent sufferers from this malady. As a general rule, the appearance in the room of an able-bodied mouse, or the discovery that a peripapetic caterpillar is promenading over their person will produce hysteries.

2. When affected, they alternately indulge in automatic laughter and spasmodic weeping.

3. After the removal of the immediate cause, the patient should be soothed and quieted.

4. In order to prepare for the most violent form—in which a straight-jacket must be resorted to—a measure should be taken of the patient's waist.

5. To do this a man ought to have a previous knowledge of the exact length of his arm. The measurement can then be easily made without the use of a tape-line.

6. It is well to take this measure several times, as absolute accuracy is indispensable.

7. This generally begins to soothe her.

8. If her big brother is present, send him for the doctor before beginning treatment.—*Life.*

A GOOD WOMAN.

I account a pure, intelligent, and well-bred woman, the most attractive object of vision and contemplation in the world. As mother, sister and wife, such a woman is an angel of grace and goodness, and makes a heaven of the home which is sanctified and glorified by her presence. As an element of society, she invites into finest demonstrations all that is good in the heart, shames into secrecy and silence all that is unbecoming and despicable. There may be more of greatness and of glory in the higher developments of manhood, but surely in womanhood God most delights to show the beauty of holiness and the sweetness of the love of which He is the infinite source. It is for this reason that a girl or a young woman is a very sacred thing to me. It is for this reason that a silly young woman or a vicious one makes me sigh or shudder. It is for this reason that I pray that I may write worthily to young women.

One of our local business men said the other day that he wasn't advertising any now, because trade was so dull. Poor man, he has done so little at it he seems to have mistaken the purpose of advertising, and thinks people advertise when they are having a rush of business, to keep customers away. To be consistent he ought to put out a placard, written with charcoal, on a strip of board, saying "Business is dull. Go somewhere else to trade."—*Marlboro Times.*

The Journal.

FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 28, 1884.

THE state authorities of Kansas and Missouri officially deny the report that the foot and mouth disease exists among the cattle in those states.

WIFE-BEATERS can go on with their beatings without fear of being flogged themselves, the House having defeated the bill which was being put through for their benefit.

GOV. ROBINSON has signed the bill providing that cities and towns shall supply text books free for school children, and is a warm advocate of the measure, believing that it will be a great benefit to the schools and school children.

INSURANCE COMMISSIONER TARBOX, who in a sudden pet last fall excluded the Union Mutual Co., of Maine, from doing business in this state, has been made to see the foolishness of his unreasonable action, and has restored the company to its former rights and privileges in this commonwealth.

GEO. W. DANIELSON, editor of the Providence *Journal*, died Tuesday night from a stroke of paralysis received on Sunday. Mr. Danielson wielded an able pen, and was one of the hardest working editors in the country. But for this he might have had many more years of usefulness before him instead of going to his grave at the age of 56.

EMPEROR WILLIAM of Germany celebrated his 87th birthday last Saturday, Berlin being decked with flags, and thousands of people flocking around the palace to cheer their ruler, who, though he is far past the allotted period of life, is remarkably hale and vigorous, thanks to his abstemious habits, and is apparantly good for many years yet.

MINISTER SARGENT, our representative at the German court, has been promoted to the Russia mission. Mr. Sargent excited the ire of the German authorities by showing that their predjudice against the American swine was groundless, and that their own hog is the unclean animal; and it will not make them altogether happy to see him promoted.

EX-GOV. LONG made one of his captivating speeches in the House at Washington, Tuesday, in opposition to the bill extending the time for payment of the tax on whisky in bond, his speech being one of the strongest and ablest that has been heard. The whisky men have made superhuman efforts to stave off payment of the tax, but have met with deserved defeat, the bill being killed, yesterday, by a vote of 185 to 83.

A COMMITTEE of the New York Senate has been investigating oleomargarine and kindred products, and reports that they are all utterly bad. Butter adulterations are found in nearly every town and city in the state, about half as much of the stuff being sold as of butter. The law requiring the counterfeit article to be labeled is generally disregarded, and the committee recommends that the manufacture and sale of all butter adulterations be entirely prohibited after a given time.

ACCORDING to the Boston *Post*, which has been sounding Democratic legislators in the New England states, Tilden is the first choice of a large majority for a presidential candidate, except in this state, where it is nip and tuck between him and Butler. Benjamin isn't growing upon the country to any appreciable extent, at present, as a candidate, and the indications are that he will not grow any more so as the time for the convention draws near. Possibly he prefers to remain in the background as a dark horse. It would be just like the modest old fellow, you know.

THE Republicans of Youngstown, Ohio, had a primary election Monday, and improved the opportunity to test the feeling of the voters in regard to candidates for President. The result was that out of a total vote of 1628 Blaine had 1516, Lincoln being next with 33 votes and Edmunds 17. Youngstown is in Garfield's old district, and it is not strange that its voters should have a kindly regard for their lamented President's secretary of state, but as a "straw" the vote has very little significance. It simply goes to show that the Ohio Republicans are getting very much interested in the presidential question dreadfully early in the season.

BARTHOLDI'S colossal statue of Liberty, the gift of the French people to America, will be ready for shipment to this country before many months, but there is yet no place for it, nor does there seem likely to be for some time at the rate the contributions are flowing in. It was thought that $250,000 would cover the cost of the pedestal, but it is found that the cost of the granite alone will be $240,000, carrying the total up to nearly $360,000, $70,000 having been spent upon the concrete foundation, which is barely two-thirds finished. The contributions received thus far amount to only $140,000, very little having been received outside of New York, although the statue is a gift to the country and not to that city. It will be an ungrateful performance if America fails to provide a proper pedestal for the statue which the French people have so generously given.

D. A. Mayo of Sumter, Ga., was a very cautious man, so he digged a cyclone pit under his house, and when he saw a black cloud hanging over the city the other day he called his family into it and shut the cover down. It rained upon that door all night, and when the family wanted to get out in the morning they could not; the door had swelled with the soaking it had received, and could not be opened. With the assistance of neighbors they were released after an imprisonment of twelve hours.

Six children from Meadville, Pa., went out last Saturday to get some maple sap, and not finding any, tapped a tree with their knives and sipped the juice which flowed. They were all soon taken sick, with symptoms of poisoning. One has since died, and others are not expected to live.

Some one fired a bullet at Gov. Hamilton of Illinois on Monday afternoon as he was sitting in his office at the state house, which fortunately did not hit him.

THIS, THAT, AND THE OTHER.

Is oleomargarine a product of Greece?

A successful lawyer is generally known by his fees-ability.

The young lady who warbled "I'm Saddest when I Sing," was not alone in her misery.

It is not good taste to express congratulations to a friend unless the charges are prepaid.

Table knives were invented in 1414, and for 440 years untutored man has been using them for shovels to convey his food to his mouth.

Barnum's white elephant is to have a powerful rival as a curiosity in the person of a Wellesley school girl, who, it is said, does not chew gum.

Edith wants to know why the rain falls upon the just as well as upon the unjust. We give it up Edie, unless it is that neither knows enough to go in and let the other have it all.

Now it is that the man who last fall was cajoled into buying his wife a sealskin sacque, looks upon the operation as a skin game when the bill for balance due is presented him.

Palmer has no town debt and $6000 in the treasury. But Palmer is a rather slow-going town any way. It has not even a fire department—though it has a mighty bright newspaper, the JOURNAL.—*Athol Transcript.*

Won't it look queer, though, to see the girls all hanging around the church steps on pleasant Sunday evenings, waiting for the boys—who have sat quietly inside during service—to come out, so they can "catch on"?

Naturalists assert that there are 10,000 known species of fish. Just tell that yarn to some fellow who has stood around on the ice the greater portion of some cold day the past season, vainly watching his "tip ups," and see if you can make him believe it.

Articles are going the rounds of the press stating upon how small a sum per day a man can live, some even getting as low as six cents. As they are all based upon the supposition that the amount is forthcoming every twenty-four hours, they are of no value to us.

In the Salvation Army the man who marries above his own rank takes that of his wife. This will cause many a man to wonder upon the justness of worldly things, when he reflects upon the fact that although he may have been addressed as Colonel before he was married, he is nothing more than an orderly since.

"Say, pa," remarked George, who had just seen the cook throw a loaf of unbaked bread at the chambermaid, "What's the difference between that bread and your horse?" "I don't know; what is it?" "Why, one is slammed dough and the other is—here! don't hit so hard! you know he can't trot in less than four minutes."

We missed one of our most highly prized exchanges, the *Milford Journal*, last week. At first we thought Brother Cook might have taken offense at our remarks of the week before regarding the copying of items, but could see no reason why he should feel hit. It was not Brother C. that we had in mind, by any means, and as the *Journal* has arrived in good time this week, we conclude that its editor does not take our remarks to himself.

It is said that nothing can equal the rye faces made by Chas. F. Morse, of the Marlboro *Times*, when he serves a writ in a liquor case in his capacity as a deputy sheriff.—*Waltham Record.*

Oh, what ales you now? You must beer "spotter."—*Marlboro Times.*

Handle the subject gin-gerly, gentlemen, or when you meet the porter may be obliged to separate you. We sling in this remark as an eye-opener.

We had firmly expected that last week was to end our existence, but have concluded to get out one more number. Upon our refusing, the first of last week, to publish a meaningless communication, the author announced that if we would do so he would subscribe for a year, otherwise he would not. It was a great temptation, but was firmly resisted, and we went to press last week with ruin staring us in the face. In spite of his hard feelings, there was an extra demand for papers from his town last week, and with the aid of a paid-up three-months' subscription, we are enabled to survive one more issue.

THE Boston *Advertiser* has been consulting the chairman of Republican city and town committees and other prominent men in regard to the outlook, and out of 280 replies 166 are in favor of Edmunds and Lincoln for a ticket. Edmunds is the first choice of 180, Arthur of 53, Blaine 19 and Lincoln 4. For second choice 66 are for Arthur, 51 for Edmunds, 31 for Blaine and 21 for John Sherman. For vice president Lincoln has 205, and Gov. Robinson follows with 5. The unanimity of feeling in regard to the vice presidency, not only in this state, but generally, is somewhat remarkable, and it looks as though Lincoln would be practically nominated before the convention meets. The growing feeling throughout the country in favor of Edmunds for the presidency is also a noticeable feature of the situation. Mr. Edmunds neither seeks nor declines the honor; no organized work is being done in his behalf; and yet there is a growing conviction that he is the one man of all who will give the Republicans assured victory. As the Minneapolis *Pioneer Press* well says:

He is, by common consent, the greatest constitutional authority in either party. His republicanism has been proved by the severest tests. His integrity is in itself a voucher for an honest and admirable conduct of public affairs. His nomination would be the equivalent of an election. His election would be the equivalent of a political reform. To honor him would be at once the best thing for the party and for the country, and Republicans could not establish success on a more absolutely certain foundation than by naming him as their candidate for the presidency at the approaching election. While neither Mr. Edmunds nor his friends are in the boom-making business, the unanswerable arguments which recommend him have long appealed to the masses of the party throughout the country. He could carry without sensible effort every state that cast its vote for Garfield, and could weld into one body of enthusiasm the millions who long to see the presidential nominee express in his own person the high character and exalted moral tone which they hope to see impressed upon the party and upon the politics of the country.

Ten electric lights are to be placed upon the top of the Washington monument.

LOCAL NOTICES.

I am prepared to respond to orders for hanging paper, whitening, etc., E. J. Wood.

S. H. Hellyar & Co. are showing some very handsome patterns in Carpets, Mattings and Oil Cloths. Another new lot of paper hangings in to-day. We shall sell at competition prices, lower than any house in Palmer. G. L. Hitchcock.

PALMER AND VICINITY.

Regular spring weather.

Fast Day next Thursday.

Spring moving has begun.

Time to rake up your front yard.

Next Sunday will be Passion Sunday.

Almost time for arbutus. Who will bring in the first?

Rain and sunshine, in alternate layers, all day yesterday.

A little, but not much plowing has been done the past week.

All fool's day next Tuesday. Look out and not get taken in.

The high school closes this afternoon for a two-weeks' vacation.

There will be no Fast Day services in this village next Thursday.

Mrs. A. M. Barnes of Clinton will preach at the Advent chapel next Sunday.

Elder H. C. Smith, formerly of this place, but recently of Iowa, is among us again.

Rev. Albert Hammat, of Monson, exchanges with Rev. Mr. Perry next Sunday.

There is no danger that the town will suffer from an overflow of water the coming year.

In the absence of Judge Robinson, J. B. Shaw dispensed justice at the district court yesterday.

Owing to the heavy rain of Wednesday the river is now higher than it has been before this year.

Miss Bertha Marshall, telegraph operator at the B. & A. depot, has been taking a vacation at Boston this week.

George A. English has returned from Gilbertville, and will go to work in the grain store of Fosket & Holbrook.

Miss J. M. Kerigan has opened millinery and dressmaking rooms in the store formerly occupied by Miss Stacy.

William Merriam has this week moved his family from Springfield to this place, and will hereafter live in Palmer.

Thomas Evans, for being drunk, was invited yesterday to work out his fine and costs, not being prepared with the cash.

Adjourned town meeting next Monday. The voters and property owners should be on hand to look after the appropriations.

The regular meeting of "Our Club" takes place this evening, with Rev. Mr. Perry, and the poetry of Wordsworth will be read.

The ladies of the Congregational society have a social at the church vestry this afternoon and evening, with a supper in the evening.

F. C. Hatch has bought of George W. Aspinwall his barn and building lot on Pleasant street, and intends to build thereon.

Calvin Shaw has bought of John Bacon his fine 150-acre farm in Barre for $6000. This is said to be one of the best farms in that town.

Palmer's portion of the county tax is $2592, while Monson pays $1734, Brimfield $547, Hampden $475, Ludlow $803, Wales $402, and Wilbraham $767.

The young people of the Congregational church are to give an entertainment, assisted by the "Peake Sisters," at the church vestry next Friday evening.

Rev. Mr. Hunter has gone to his home in Wiseberg, Md., to visit his mother, who is in feeble health, and his pulpit will be occupied by a supply next Sunday.

Charles Robinson has bought a building lot on the corner of Park and Bridge streets of H. G. Loomis, and talks of putting up a dwelling thereon the coming year.

It is said that the new forenoon express from Springfield to Boston will be put on in a short time, and will stop only at this station and Worcester on its eastern trip.

D. F. Holden was the buyer of the vacant lot between the residences of H. P. Holden and Joseph Thompson, which was sold at auction yesterday morning, the price being $1125.

The office on Church street occupied by E. A. Buck & Co., and W. H. Hellyar, has been in the hands of the paper hangers this week, and the inside now presents a much improved appearance.

Travel on the noon accommodation train from Springfield is very heavy just at this season, and two engines are nearly always required to draw the train, which consists of seven or eight cars daily.

The clothing recently sent from this place to the western flood sufferers, has been received at Point Pleasant, W. Va., and was gratefully acknowledged, many kind wishes being expressed for the donors.

About 100 went from here to Springfield Monday evening to see Deaman Thompson's presentation of "Josh Whitcomb," returning by special car attached to a freight train. All reported a nice party, and an enjoyable time.

Landlord Weeks is putting a mansard roof on the L portion of his hotel, and will have some six additional rooms when it is completed. Considerable damage was done by the rain of Wednesday night, the roof being torn up some in the course of the repairs.

Spaulding's Bell Ringers are booked for Wales Hall next Tuesday evening. They are well known by former visits, and are highly spoken of by the press on this tour, the performance of the Bloodgoods receiving special mention. They will no doubt draw a full house.

The directors of the Palmer National Bank have declared the usual 3 per cent semi-annual dividend, payable April 1st. The net earnings of the past six months amount to $8300, of which $4500 is taken for the dividend, $1000 carried to surplus account and $2800 added to profit and loss.

Calvin Porter, an employe at this place of the New London Northern road was badly squeezed while coupling cars in the yard last Saturday night. No bones were broken but it is said that several ribs were started from the spinal column. He is doing as well as could be expected, and will undoubtedly get along all right.

Those who wish to hear Will Carleton, the popular poet, should not forget that he lectures at Central Hall, Monson, next Wednesday evening, and that a special train will be run to accommodate those who wish to attend from this place. The low rate of 50 cents for the round trip, including admission to the hall and a reserved seat, ought to draw a goodly number from here.

In regard to the forming of an amateur base ball league, composed of clubs from the towns in this vicinity, it is more than probable that the scheme will be carried into effect. The Ware club are said to favor such an arrangement, Monson promises to send a club, and West Warren will undoubtedly fall into line. If the weather is favorable, a game will probably be played on the park on Fast Day.

The new billiard and pool room in Strong's block is now open for business, as will be seen by their advertisement in another column. The room is large and well furnished, and three tables—one billiard and two pool—occupy the floor. No liquors, but tobacco and cigars will be sold. This evening an exhibition game between Goulette, the champion of New England, and Frank White, will be played.

The selectmen met and organized last Saturday with D. B. Bishop as chairman. The board has divided up the work of the town, Mr. Bishop looking after the Three Rivers and Thorndike section, Mr. Kerigan that including Bondsville and the northern part of the town, while Mr. Loomis looks after this village and the southern portion. By this arrangement it is hoped to make the work easier for each member of the board.

At the annual meeting of St. Paul's parish on Monday evening these officers were chosen: Clerk, George Robinson; treasurer, W. W. Leach; parish committee, S. W. French, J. H. Smith, Stillman Ellis, George Kenerson and O. M. Graves; music committee, Mrs. S. W. French, Frank Sedgwick, Miss Jennie Kenerson, Mrs. S. S. Taft and George Robinson; ushers, W. A. Barnes, C. W. Johnson, Freeman Griswold and Frank Sedgwick.

Rev. Moses K. Cross of Waterloo, Iowa, desires to add this postcript to his recently completed series of articles on "Sugar Loaf Parish": "I learn from one living near the scene of those parish experiences, that the person who sheared the horses, as related in chapter 2d, acknowledged on his death-bed that he was the one who committed the sacrilege. I do not wonder that, in the face of death, he should try to unburden his conscience for such a dastardly trick."

It is now almost three years since a telephone exchange was established in this place, it having been opened on May 1st, 1881, with 38 subscribers. Two weeks before this time a central office was opened in Milligan's shoe store, to see if business enough could be done to warrant the opening of an exchange, and the result proving satisfactory, the present rooms were engaged. At first the exchange included only this village and Monson, but it has been added to from time to time until it now embraces Monson, Brimfield, Wales, Three Rivers, Thorndike, Bondsville and Ware, with a list of about 90 subscribers, and has a steadily increasing patronage.

The skating rink will be open again tomorrow afternoon and evening, and also the afternoon and evening of Fast Day. On next week Saturday the manager has arranged for an exhibition of fancy skating by Miss Chrissie McClellan of Worcester, 12 years old. Miss McClellan exhibits almost daily to crowded houses, and at a recent visit to Springfield there was hardly standing room at the rink. She is unquestionably the most easy, graceful and best skater of her age in the country, and will be well worth seeing. She will give an exhibition at both afternoon and evening sessions, and good music will be furnished on each occasion. A race of from one to five miles on the rollers is talked of for the near future.

A. J. Smyth is a sewing machine agent with one hand who has been in town a week or ten days. He was discharged by the company on Tuesday, and that night took the train to Monson, where he hired a team at the Monson House to return to this place. He drove to Palmer and then to Brimfield, taking a 16-years-old Monson girl with him. After spending the night at Brimfield they drove to Warren Wednesday morning, where they left the team and took the train for Worcester. They were traced to the city and arrested Wednesday afternoon. At the district court yesterday Smyth was fined $10 and costs for taking the team, and not having the requisite amount was sent up to work out his fine. The case of the girl was continued to this morning, when she was sentenced to two years at the woman's reformatory prison at Sherborn.

The managers of the New London Northern road announce that on and after next Monday the train which now leaves this place for the north at 7.10 in the evening will be discontinued, also the one arriving from the north at 7.40 in the morning. Hereafter passengers for Three Rivers, Belchertown and Amherst who do not catch the early afternoon train, will be obliged to wait until the next morning or else take a freight train which will leave here at 7.15 p. m., while passengers from those towns in the morning will be obliged to do the same, or wait until the middle of the day for a passenger train. The managers say they are obliged to do this on account of the present state of business, but it would seem a foolish move to take the train off just as the season for more travel is opening. The patrons along the road are not at all flattered with the prospect before them.

THORNDIKE.

Most of the strikers in the weave room have returned to their work.

Mr. Adams, overseer of the spool room in mill No. 2, has resigned his position.

The indications now are that there will be considerable moving this spring in this village.

Rev. C. H. Ricketts preaches his farewell sermon in the Congregational church Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock.

B. A. Farr, formerly teacher of the grammar school, is managing editor of a sea side paper called "The Crab," at Ocean Beach, N. J.

BRIMFIELD.

John C. Spring has a heifer calf, four weeks old, which has five legs, the fifth one being just behind the left fore leg, and has three toes, with a hoof on each toe. The extra leg is about the same length as the others, and the animal is smart and healthy.

The report for the past year shows that the expenses have been: For highways and bridges, $1505; snow paths, 336; schools, $1787; paupers, $2426; officers' salaries, $511; miscellaneous, $1640. The loss by fire at the town farm was $600, and the improvements amounted to $550. The debt of the town has been reduced $300.

WEST BRIMFIELD.

A. P. Blodgett has returned from Boston, where he has been spending a week as one of the grand jurors.

Mrs. Eastman, widow of the late Charles Eastman of Worcester, is making a short visit with relatives in this place.

Miss M. J. Curley has gone to Worcester, where she will resume the trade of dressmaking, in which she was engaged last season.

An altercation occurred on the track Tuesday between a former resident and one of the trackmen, which resulted in an interesting tumbling match. No bones broken.

WALES.

Town meeting first Monday in April.

Wales Savings Bank annual meeting April 1st.

The Shaw mill has shut down, and will be idle two weeks.

Rev. Mr. Gay and wife have gone with E. Shaw and family on their annual southern tour.

The drama "Three Glasses a Day" was repeated on Monday evening to a fair house.

Rev. Mr. Miller of the Methodist church supplies the Baptist desk during the absence of their pastor for two weeks.

The annual meeting of the Baptist church called for Wednesday night was not held on account of the rainy weather, a quorum not being present. Another call will be made.

J. S. Hubbard has an auction sale of his livery stock on Wednesday next at 1 o'clock p. m., and the posters say "positive, rain, snow or hail." A good chance for purchasers in that line.

NORTH WILBRAHAM.

Town meeting Monday the 7th.

Dr. Fox will preach at the chapel at 5 o'clock Sunday evening, for the last time.

The back water in the river was so high Wednesday night and Thursday that the mills were practically without water power to do business.

A caucus, to nominate for town officers and to choose two delegates each to the state and district Presidential conventions, is called for this evening at 7½ o'clock, at Music Hall.

F. H. Strickland is doing well under the care of Dr. Holbrook, and although the leg was broken in two places and several toes were broken, he will come out with a good leg, much to the joy of his friends.

Grace Chapel Sunday school has made up a box of books and papers to be sent this week to Springfield, Tenn., in response to a solicitation made by Miss Minot a few weeks since in behalf of the Woman's home missionary society, who labor among the poor whites at that place.

There is a prospectus abroad in the land setting forth the proposed organization of a gymnasium and reading room association if a sufficient sum can be raised to fit up the same, which will be maintained by membership fees and monthly dues, and managed by a board of directors. A suitable room will be fitted up to measure 41 by 21 feet, 9 feet posts, in Hollister's block, if the town's people will aid in raising the necessary fund to provide the apparatus.

WILBRAHAM.

The Willing Workers met with Misses Helen and Mary Beebe Thursday afternoon.

There will be a concert consisting of solos, duets, quartettes and choruses at the Congregational church Thursday evening, under the direction of Penn Tyler of Springfield, who has conducted a very successful singing school in the village during the winter.

In the death of Dea. Horace Clark, which occurred Wednesday night at about 10 o'clock, the town loses one of its most honored citizens, one who has for many years been an active worker in every good cause concerning the town, and one who will be much missed by all who knew him. In 1861 he was chosen selectman, and held that office five years, doing effective work for the good of the town. In 1833 he united with the Congregational church, and has been a faithful worker since that time, and has held the office of deacon since 1854. His wife and five of his six children survive him. The funeral will be held to-morrow at 2 p. m.

The expenditures of the town of Wilbraham for the year ending March 15th are as follows: Schools, $2362.48; paupers, $1310.97; highways and bridges, $1179.27; contingencies and town officers, $1042.02; cemeteries $47.51; winding and regulating town clock, $22.00; enforcing liquor law, $7.75; repairs on school house No. 6, $253.89; street lamps, $42.25; grading Springfield street, $355.70; grading and sewer on Stevens' corner, $528.00; total expenditures $7151.84. The total appropriations amounted to $6200. $951.84 was expended in excess of appropriations but the revenue from other sources was sufficient to meet that deficiency and leave a balance of at least $1500 in the treasury.

WARREN.

Luke Washburn and family go to Boston next week to reside.

The school committee overran their appropriation by $58 last year.

The public library has received $1201 in all, and now has a balance of $65 on hand.

The Warren hotel property has been sold to Fred L. Sturtevant, the present landlord.

An alarm of fire Wednesday afternoon was caused by the burning of the gas house.

Rev. Mr. Sanderson has received a call to the Trinity church of Lynn for the coming year.

Spaulding's Bell Ringers gave one of their entertainments at the town hall last evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Kilbourn Whipple go to Washington next week with the Raymond excursionists.

The Universalists have hired Miss Pierce, formerly alto in the Methodist choir, for the coming year.

There will be but little change among the teachers of the schools, which are to commence next Monday.

The annual meeting of the Congregational society for the choice of officers was held Thursday afternoon.

The Ladies' Home Missionary Society will hold their annual meeting in the ladies' parlor on Fast Day.

Maud Powers takes the place of Miss Sylvester in the primary department. Miss Sylvester will return to Spencer.

Samuel Cary of Ohio has been engaged by the Sons of Temperance to give his lecture "Now and Then," at the town hall this evening.

The travelling company of Indians and their agents left town Tuesday, after selling over two thousand bottles of medicine at a dollar a bottle.

A large crowd assembled at the town hall last Saturday night to witness the walking match. In the three-hours' go-as-you-please race, John Flannery of this place won the first prize of $15, Albert Hogue of North Brookfield the second, and Frank Daily of this place the third.

The first liquor raid in two years was made last Saturday evening, and in all two express loads were seized. The ardent was found at John O'Neill's, Mark Hennebry's and Charles Dean's, an express wagon load of lager being captured at the latter place. The Warren hotel was raided, but nothing was found.

MONSON.

Union services on Fast Day, in the Congregational church. Preaching by Mr. Byington.

The roads have become well settled, and the manner of repairing them will probably by settled April 7th.

Rev. E. A. Perry of Palmer will preach for Mr. Hammatt at Central Hall next Sunday. Look out for rain.

The sale of pews in the Congregational church as adjourned to Monday evening on account of the severe storm.

Will Carleton delivers his lecture entitled "Character Sketches in Prose and Verse" at Central Hall next Tuesday evening.

Joel H. Thompson has the California fever, so prevalent hereabouts, and will start in May or June on a prospecting tour.

Mrs. Dollie Chaffee, who fell and broke her hip bone a few weeks since, is fast failing, and as she is 88 years of age, her recovery is doubtful.

Central Hall rink will be open Fast Day, afternoon and evening. Good music will be in attendance at both sessions. There will be an orange race in the evening.

It is about the usual time for candidates to be genial, social, prohibitory or license, and circulating around among the voters preparatory to the annual town meeting.

There will be a lecture, Sunday evening, in the Congregational church, by the pastor on temperance. "License or No License." Seats are free, and all are invited.

The selectmen have their forthcoming report in the hands of the printer, and it is probable it will be for the inspection of the voters on or before the annual meeting.

The skating rink at Green's Hall will be open both afternoon and evening of Fast Day, with music at each session by the Monson Cornet Band. After the evening session there will be a social dance.

The Young Ladies' Working club will hold a festival, and sale of articles, useful and ornamental, at the chapel of the Congregational church, next Tuesday, the avails to be devoted to the New West Education commission. Barr's ice cream, and other refreshments will be served from 4, to 10 o'clock. There will also be vocal and instrumental music.

The following scholars in district No. 8 were neither absent nor tardy during the winter term: Grammar school—John McGuire, Charles Picketts, Charles Abbott, Alice Bliss, Lena Church, Josie Leonard: intermediate—Glenn Toplif, George Simpkins, Richard Hughes, Alice Moores, Lizzie McGuire, Addie Knight: primary—Walter King, Hugh McGuire, Willie Moulton, Fred Moores, Ralph Munn, Frank Shaw, Willie Sullivan. The following were neither absent nor tardy during the past year: John McGuire, George Simpkins, Alice Moores, Hugh McGuire, Willie Moulton, and Fred Moores.

The Grand Army camp fire on Tuesday evening at Central Hall drew a crowded house, and the camp fires burned briskly as the speakers and comrades brought up old reminiscences, and general good cheer did muchly abound. Comrades Warriner and Hersey of Springfield and Revs. Mr. Perry, Hammatt and Dr. Fuller gave zest to the good feeling by their telling speeches, and three rousing cheers for the man who declined to speak as he said he was not primed for the occasion, gave enthusiasm, and with the singing and hearty hand shaking all felt better for having met and for having given aid and comfort to the hard tack, baked beans and coffee liberally and bountifully dealt out to all.

The recent voyage of the Thetis from Dundee to Sandy Hook was an unusually eventfully one. On the 46th parallel the ship entered a field of ice and steamed through it for seventy-five miles, the ice varying from eighteen inches to two feet in thickness. The weather was intensely cold, and the water very rough, and immense icebergs were descried in latitudes where they are seldom seen. In a few weeks the Thetis will be on her way north on a voyage of discovery.

The monument committee of the Society of the Army of the Cumberland has made a contract with the sculptor Ward, for a statue of Garfield, to cost $30,000, and congress is asked for a like sum to prepare a site and erect a pedestal for it in the city of Washington.

The Sunday law is so well enforced in Nashville that the people want it modified, and a petition to the city council, asking that the sale of tobacco be permitted, has been signed by almost every man and boy in the place.

A 15-years-old negro girl at Norwood, S. C., poisoned a baby she was taking care of, in order to go to a jollification on Monday.

The Chinese government has ordered ten more Gatling guns from the factory at Hartford, to be delivered in 60 days.

NEWS MORSELS.

A Coaching Club has been organized in Boston.

Heavy peach crops are expected in Middle Florida this year.

A bride of a year, aged 73, died at St. Albans one day last week.

Kingston, Ont., has prohibited the parades of the Salvationists.

Three cows in Nantucket have this spring given birth to calves without eyes.

New counterfeit $20 silver certificates are being circulated in Ohio and Kentucky.

The Charleston (S. C.) *News* (Dem.) alludes to ex-Governor Tilden as the "Greystone Ghost."

It is said that 150,000,000 copies of the Bible have been printed during the present century, in 226 languages.

Children in the Belgian lace-making schools work 12 hours a day, and sometimes get as much as six cents for it.

An extremely exacting Louisville woman has sued for divorce because her husband "has done no work in 14 years."

A cable street-car line is to be established on Highgate hill, in the suburbs of London, the first thing of the kind in Europe.

The new fast mail service from New York to the Pacific coast does not cost the Government any more than the former slow service.

Judge Dunne of Tallahassee, made a count by the pope, owns 164,000 acres of land in Florida and has formed a large Catholic colony.

John Jay Cisco, a well-known New York banker, and Assistant United States Treasurer under Buchanan and during the civil war, died this week.

A girl at Reading, Pa., 14 years old, who has been lying in a trance for some time, gives descriptions of Heaven and the angels, and a clergyman declares that she is under the same conditions as St. John when he wrote the Revelation, her soul being at times in Heaven.

A Wisconsin priest began a tirade against three members of his congregation last Sunday, when one of them arose and resented the insult. This so enraged the priest that he jumped over the chancel rail and attacked the man, and a melee ensued.

A young lady of New York, while temporarily insane last Sunday, poured half a gallon of kerosene oil upon her head and then set it on fire. She was fatally burned before the flames could be extinguished.

A young woman of Elkton, Neb., went back on her young man because he wanted the wedding postponed until the bill reducing the marriage fee from $4.50 to 50 cents had passed the Legislature.

A Petersburg, Ill., farmer who had quarrelled with his wife, knocked her down with an ax, then cut her throat, stabbed his 12-years-old boy, and cut his own throat, last Saturday.

Woodburn, Iowa, reaped a harvest a short time ago, when almost every man in town was fined for not clearing his sidewalk after a snow storm.

Ex-Gov. Long, a member of Congress from Massachusetts, is one of the "nicest" and most exquisite of public men at Washington. He scant light hair is parted in the middle with the utmost precision, and his clothes are the latest in style. He always appears in a dress suit at 5 o'clock dinners, and strictly observes all the rules of etiquette. He is all politeness to every body, and his fat, good-natured face has a smile for all. Mr. Long's popularity is overrunning the bounds of the Bay State, and is already firmly established at Washington.—*Washington Letter.*

Rev. David Winters of Dayton, O., married his 4980th couple the other day, and wished the bride abounding happiness with the remark that he had officiated at the weddings of her truly good father and not less estimable grandfather, to say nothing of other relatives.

Squire Bradley, an old negro at Lawrence, Kan., had a square meal the other day. In 12 minutes he ate 60 eggs, one-half pound of bacon, and a loaf of rye bread, the whole weighing nine and a quarter pounds.

It is suggested that Cincinnati might get rid of its troublesome canals by hoisting the boats upon trucks and hauling them in and out of town upon the railroad tracks.

Fifty thousand tourists are roaming about Florida at the present time. The hotels and boarding-houses are crowded to overflowing.

Literary Notes.

Outing and the Wheelman for April comes to hand with 82 readable pages. First comes an illustrated poem by Will Carleton, followed by an article on "Alaska Canoeing" by C. E. S. Wood. Karl Kron contributes "Nova Scotia and the Islands Beyond," and President Bates publishes the conclusion of his story, "Le Maqu'Allonge Benedicthe." An article on "Modern Archery" is given by Maumee, three chapters of Maurice Thompson's story, "Summer Sweethearts," and other matter fills out an interesting number. The publication of a London edition by Iliffe & Son, of 98 Fleet street, is begun with this number. $2 a year. Outing and the Wheelman, Boston.

Disappointment in matters of pleasure is hard to be borne, in affecting health it becomes cruel. Dr. Ball's Cough Syrup never disappoints those who use it for obstinate coughs, colds, irritation of throat and lungs, etc.

The largest and oldest carriage dealer in Springfield is W. H. Smith, 2 Park st. He has 150 carriages in stock.

O. P. Allen and O. J. Winslow guarantee positive relief for any cough, cold, croup, or lung complaint by using Acker's English Remedy, or will refund the money. eow ly 52

Ask O. P. Allen and O. J. Winslow about Acker's Blood Elixer, the only preparation guaranteed to cleanse the blood and remove all chronic diseases. eow ly 52

It is with pleasure we recommend our readers when visiting Springfield to visit Morse's Shoe Store, 376 Main street. It is the oldest and largest shoe store in the city, and enjoys its large city and country trade by always having just what the people want.

O. P. Allen and O. J. Winslow wish it known that they guarantee Acker's Dyspepsia Tablets to be the best remedy for indigestion ever made, they always relieve headache. eow ly 52

IT IS BUT A MERE INVESTMENT OF FIFTY CENTS.—If it cures you are willing to pay it; if not, you have but to say so and have your money refunded. Rice & Co's Eclectic Liniment cures cramps in the stomach and bowels, inflammation, burns, diphtheria, etc. For sale by GEO. L. HITCHCOCK, Palmer. 5

A RELIABLE FERTILIZER.

SO. KILLINGLY, CONN., Nov. 20, 1883.

For two years I have used Bradley's Phosphates on corn, potatoes, buckwheat, and in fact nearly every crop, with excellent results. Both seasons I have used two other well-known fertilizers, one a special fertilizer, and find that Bradley's Phosphate is the cheapest in view of the results attained.

EUGENE SHIPPEL.

THE GREAT AMERICAN CHORUS.—Sneezing, snuffling and coughing! This is the music all over the land just now. And will be until June. "I've got such an awful cold in my head." Cure it with Ely's Cream Balm or it may end in the toughest form of Catarrh. Maybe you have catarrh now. Nothing is more nauseous and dreadful. This remedy masters it as no other ever did. Not a snuff nor a liquid. Applied by the finger to the nostrils. Pleasant, certain, radical. 2w52

Lazelle, Dawes and Estey, Milliners at 358 Main St., Springfield, will be ready after April 1st, to exhibit their new and elegant styles of hats and bonnets, trimmed and untrimmed. They have just returned from New York with a unique and varied stock of ribbons, feathers, flowers and velvets in all the new styles and fashionable shades. Visitors to the city will note their tasteful case of bonnets, etc., at the entrance.

GRAND EXCURSION TO RICE & CO'S ECLECTIC LAKES, U. S. A.—All who are suffering from rheumatism, neuralgia, headache, toothache, or any pain, are invited to come. Motto—No cure, no pay. Fare for round trip and cure, 50 cents. For sale at C. E. BLOOD'S Drug Store, Ware. 5

FURNITURE.—There is now in Boston one of the most extensive manufacturing establishments in America. The entrance to Paine's Furniture Warerooms is at 48 Canal street, opp. Maine Depot. They not only manufacture, but also import from Italy curious carved pieces of the time of the Doges of Venice; from Switzerland the lace curtains, from France inlaid woods, tapestries, and rich silks for upholstering; from England red, amber, blue and black hair cloth, in richly brocaded patterns, beside a large variety of lace curtains. These, together with their own numerous manufactures, will well repay one to travel miles to visit. Illustrated lists of these sent upon application.

UNNECESSARY SUFFERING.—Why need I suffer from biliousness, liver complaint, malaria, torpor of the bowels, etc? Because I have never used Rice & Co's Eclectic Pills, which are purely vegetable, gelatine coated, and cause no griping pains. (cathartic and cholagogue.) Price, 25 cents. For sale by G. L. KEENEY, Druggist and Stationer, Monson. 5

Oh, how beautiful it makes the complexion! For eruptions, Lady Camelia's Secret of Beauty is superior to soap or liniments. Price 50 cents. At Allen's Pharmacy. (3) 4w37

Thousands are daily having freckles removed by a trial of Lady Camelia's Secret of Beauty. Price 50 cents, at Allen's Pharmacy. 4 4w y29

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The greatest medical wonder of the world. Warranted to speedily cure Burns, Bruises, Cuts, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Cancers, Piles Chilblains, Corns, Tetter, Chapped Hands, and all skin eruptions, guaranteed to cure in every instance or money refunded. 25 cents per box. For sale by G. L. Hitchcock. 1y52

Everybody Knows It.

When you have the Itch, Salt Rheum, Galls, or Skin Eruption of any kind, and the Piles, that you know without being told of it. G. L. Hitchcock, Palmer, G. L. Keeney, Monson, and C. E. Blood, Ware, the druggists, will sell you Dr. Bosanko's Pile Remedy for 50 cents, which is a sure cure for either of the above diseases. 1y1cow

An Eye to Business.

O. P. Allen, the druggist, is always wide-awake to business and spares no pains to secure the best of every article in his line. He has secured the agency for Kemp's Balsam for Consumption, Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Bronchitis, and all affections of the throat and lungs. Sold on a positive guarantee. Price 50 cents and $1.00. Trial size free. cow17

Cause of Failure.

Want of confidence accounts for half of the business failures of to-day. G. L. Hitchcock, Palmer, G. L. Keeney, Monson, and C. E. Blood, Ware, the druggists, are not liable to fail for want of confidence in Dr. Bosanko's Cough and Lung Syrup, for they give away a bottle free to all who are suffering with coughs, colds, asthma, consumption, and all affections of the throat and lungs. 1y15cow

Take 15 Cents,

And get Kemp's Botanic Liver Pills for Headache, for Biliousness, for Torpid Liver, for the Complexion. Use no other. Sold by O. P. Allen. cow17

A Run on a Drug Store.

Never was such a rush made for any drug store as is now at Geo. L. Hitchcock's for a trial bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. All persons affected with Asthma, Bronchitis, Hoarseness, Severe Coughs or any affection of the Throat and Lungs, can get a trial bottle of this great remedy *free* by calling at the above drug store. Regular size $1.00. 5

MARRIED.

At Palmer 23, YE SAMUELSON and MARY MICHELL.

At Palmer, 24, NAPOLEON S. GUERTIN and JOSEPHINE S. KENDRICK.

DIED.

At Thorndike 21, L. R. MOORE, 68.

TENEMENT TO RENT.
Inquire of C. L. GARDNER. 2w

A WOOD LOT FOR SALE, Containing 6½ acres near the center of Monson.
3w Enquire of G. C. WILSON, Monson, Mass.

WILL BE LET—To a small family, a convenient tenement but short distance from Monson depot. Apply to
4w52 RALPH CLIFFORD, Monson.

FOUND.

On the road from Palmer to Blanchardville, a box of goods which the owner may have by proving property and paying advertising.
1w C. B. PATRELL, Palmer, Mass.

A PRIZE. Send six cents for postage, and receive free a costly box of goods which will help all, of either sex, to more money right away than anything else in this world. Fortunes await the workers absolutely sure. At once address TRUE & CO., Augusta, Maine. 1y52

NEW BILLIARD AND POOL ROOMS,

In Strong's New Block, opposite depots, Palmer. Tables all new, and everything in first-class shape. The best of Cigars and Tobacco always in stock.

Give me a call. W. L. BURKE.
tf 52

FOR SALE.

A 2 1-2 story four-tenement house, within two minutes' walk from either mill; a new barn, large enough for six horses, on the place. A good horse, top carriage, two-seated sun-top carriage, rack wagon, robes, blankets, etc. Apply to

TERMS EASY. J. RILEY,
4w 52 Thorndike, Mass.

T. HILL MANSFIELD'S CAPILLARIS.
Chicago, May 11, 1884.

Capillaris is a valuable compound, and cannot be beat for *Dandruff, humors of the scalp, falling of the hair*, and for the *toilet*. It stands on its own *merits, contains nothing injurious*; our sales prove its *popularity* and value.
F. M. & C. P. STRINGFIELD, *Druggists & Chemists*, 128 and 130 22nd St., Chicago.
See 96 Testimonials on Cards and Circulars.
Druggists 65c. (in Pomade form only.) 1y52

CARRIAGE PAINTING.

Having so far recovered from my illness as to be able to attend to business, I am happy to announce to the public that I have secured the services of Mr. Chas. Harder, formerly with W. H. Smith of Springfield, and can assure my patrons the best of work in Carriage Painting, as I use the best stock, and flatter myself the workmanship will stand the test of criticism. I hope by promptness and thoroughness of work to merit the share of patronage heretofore received. GEO. W. MINTER.
March 27, 1884. 3w52 Monson, Mass.

WALES HALL. - - PALMER.
ONE NIGHT ONLY.

Tuesday Evening, April 1st.

Reserved Seats, without extra charge, at Hitchcock's Drug Store.

THE ORIGINAL SPAULDING'S

AMERICAN STAFF AND HAND BELL-RINGERS, & COMIQUE NOVELTY COMPANY,

WITH NEW AND BRILLIANT PROGRAMME,
Headed by the World's Greatest Musical Artists,

GEORGIE DEAN SPAULDING,
Harp, Staff, Bell and Banjo solos—having no equal in this country.

LITTLE KITTIE SPAULDING,
The remarkable Child Artiste, will positively appear at each entertainment in Bell, Xylophone and Glockenspiel solos.

First appearance with this Company of the Petite and Refined Sketch and Specialty Artists,

FRANK
THE BLOODGOODS.
FANNIE

POPULAR PRICES.

Children, 25 cts. - - - - Admission 35 cts.
Doors open at 7.15. - - - - Concert at 8.

FRED D. STRAFFIN, Gen'l Agent.

STONE DERRICKS FOR SALE.—Three Stone Derricks, 35 feet masts, with ropes and pulleys. Also assortment of Stone Tools, bush hammers, drill, etc., etc.
3m52 JOEL H. THOMPSON, Monson, Mass.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

Mrs. J. M. Kerigan would respectfully announce to the people of Palmer and vicinity, that she has opened Millinery and Dress-making rooms at 71 Main Street, and would be pleased to receive a share of their patronage. I shall also keep a line of Fancy Goods, etc. Mrs. J. M. KERIGAN.
Palmer, Mass., March 28, 1884

Great Break-down IN PRICES.

A LARGE BENEFIT TO

BUILDERS,
PAINTERS,
And FARMERS.

We offer for sale

200 Casks Oxford Nails,

the BEST nail on the market. The 4d. light and box nails are not matched by any other manufactured.

PURE LINSEED OIL AND WHITE LEAD

Have not been SO LOW in PRICE for a number of years. J. W. Masury's RAILROAD WHITE LEAD and COLORS, a fine article, at 6½ cents.

Barbed Fence Wire 6 cents.

A JOB LOT of 5 GROSS SIX-QUART MILK PANS (pressed) at $1.00 PER DOZEN.

A LOT OF

Nice Ranges at $10.00.

☞ IT WILL PAY YOU TO CALL ON US BEFORE PURCHASING. THERE WILL BE MONEY IN IT.

C. A. BROWN & CO.
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Forbes & Wallace.

MILLINERY OPENING

—ON—

Tuesday and Wednesday, April 1st and 2nd.

SPECIAL EFFORT will be made to have this the LARGEST and MOST ELABORATE Opening Springfield has ever witnessed.

Never before has Our Stock been

SO COMPLETE WITH EVERY NOVELTY THE MARKET AFFORDS,

Both in IMPORTED and DOMESTIC Goods.

All are Specially Invited.

PROMPTNESS, CIVILITY, AND ENTIRE SATISFACTION GUARANTEED, IS OUR MOTTO.

FORBES & WALLACE,
1w52 SPRINGFIELD.

Josh Whitcomb

Does not want his life insured. He is going to "outlive the company," and no doubt he will outlive

MOST, IF NOT ALL,

of the Mutual affairs which spring up to-day and die to-morrow, but the old, standard companies which have done business through the years of panic and fraud, will remain sound years after "Josh" is forgotten—scattering golden blessings to the widow and orphan.

If you wish to get the best go to

GEORGE W. ELY,

PALMER, MASS.

☞ OFFICE WITH C. L. GARDNER.

ROBINSON & BROOKS,

(Successor to GEORGE ROBINSON,)

DEALERS IN

HARDWARE,

IRON AND STEEL,

PAINTS, OILS, GLASS, ETC.

GRASS AND GARDEN SEEDS.

Fertilizers and Plaster!

AGRICULTURAL TOOLS AND IMPLEMENTS.

Bullard Tedder.
Tiger Horse Rake.
Walter A. Wood Mower.

BE SURE AND SEE THESE MACHINES BEFORE YOU BUY, SO THAT YOU MAY GET THE BEST.

SCYTHES AND SNATHS AT WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.

ROBINSON & BROOKS, Palmer.

June 20th, 1883

Smith & Murray.

BARGAINS

IN EVERY DEPARTMENT!

We will offer during this week, some of the greatest Bargains in Dry Goods ever sold in this City.

All New, fresh Goods, imported by ourselves, or purchased in the New York market at immense reduction from former prices.

We cordially invite every Lady in want of

DRY GOODS

To examine our several departments before making any purchases.

We can only enumerate a few of each department in the following advertisment:

BULLETIN OF PRICES FOR

This Week:

BLACK SILKS.

Look at the fine CASHMERE SILK, 20 inches wide, we offer at $1.

Look at the 24-inch EXTRA CASHMERE SILK we offer at $1.50.

Both qualities would be cheap at 50c more than we ask for them.

Look at our lot of COLORED SILKS we offer at 50c. every shade.

Look at the lot of COLORED SATINS we offer at 50c., regular $1 and $1.25 goods.

Look at the lot of STRIPE SATINS we offer at 62½c, well worth $1, all shades.

Look at the lot of FANCY SATINS we offer at 50c, sold last season at $1.

Look at the lot of FOULARD SILKS we offer at 35c would be cheap at 75c, in all dark shades. Examine this lot quick.

Look at the lot of FANCY SILKS we offer at 50c, Elegant quality for the money.

Look at the lot of double width CASHMERES we offer at 21c, would be cheap at 37½c.

Look at the lot of OATMEAL TOWELS, extra large size, we offer at 12½c, regular 25c, goods.

Look at the double DAMASK we offer at 50c, same quality sold at 62½ and 75c.

Look at the SPOT NETS we offer at 5c, same goods sold elsewhere at 25c.

Examine our stock of HAMBURGS, LACES and HANDKERCHIEFS. You will save money every time, no Fancy Profits put on Lace goods.

Look at our HOSIERY and GLOVE DEPARTMENT, the Finest Stock in the city to select from at Bottom Prices.

We Invite Inspection

BY ALL IN WANT OF

DRY GOODS.

SMITH & MURRAY.

SPRINGFIELD.

4w52

I AM READY

TO SHOW YOU THE BEST STOCK OF SEED

PEAS

EVER SHOWN IN THIS PLACE.

THE BEST QUALITY OF

Grass Seeds!

A FULL LINE OF

Garden Seeds In Bulk.

DON'T FAIL TO SEE THEM AND GET MY PRICES BEFORE YOU BUY.

A. E. PARK.

N. B.—GREAT DISCOUNT ON WHAT LAMPS I HAVE LEFT.

NOTICE is hereby given that the subscriber has been duly appointed administratrix of the estate of Cornelius Kelliher, late of Palmer, in the county of Hampden, deceased; and has taken upon herself that trust by giving bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to

MARY KELLIHER, Administratrix.
Palmer, March 24, 1884. 3w52

CATARRH.

HEADACHE,
COLD IN HEAD,
ROSE COLD,
DEAFNESS,
HAY FEVER,

A POSITIVE CURE:
ELY'S
CREAM BALM.

Ely's Cream Balm when applied by the finger into the nostrils will be absorbed, effectually cleansing the head of catarrhal virus, causing healthy secretions. It allays inflammation, protects the membrane of the nasal passages from fresh colds, completely heals the sores and restores the senses of taste and smell. Not a LIQUID or SNUFF

A few applications RELIEVE. *A thorough treatment will cure.* Agreeable to use. Send for circular. 50 cents by druggists. 60 cents by mail registered.

ELY BROTHERS, Druggists,
1y42 Owego, N. Y.

TO RENT.

A pleasant tenement on South Main street, Palmer. Rent only $8 per month. Also, two office rooms in Strong's Block. Address
H. C. STRONG,
Room 3, Agawam Bank Block,
5tf Springfield, Mass.

FOR SALE—SEED POTATOES. White Elephant and Bell Medium Early; Early Bermudas, ten days earlier than Early Rose. Also the Beauty of Hebron, 15 minutes earlier than Rose. Please send your orders early, as my stock is limited. 3w51* S. COLLIS, Boudsville.

JOB PRINTING OF ALL KINDS
At the JOURNAL OFFICE.

Great Slaughter

IN PRICES TO

Reduce Stock.

In my attempts hitherto to dispose of my business, I have found my large stock the principle obstacle, it being beyond the means of any of the several applicants. I now propose to reduce it by

A SPECIAL SALE

At greatly reduced prices, on new goods as well as old.

MY NEW SPRING STYLES OF

Paper Hangings

Were bought before I proposed to sell out, and are now in stock. They comprise the finest selection and largest assortment within fifteen miles, and are offered at lower prices than can be found anywhere.

CROCKERY, LAMPS, GLASSWARE, WINDOW SHADES, FIXTURES, PLATED WARE,

FANCY & MISCELLANEOUS GOODS,

AT SLAUGHTER PRICES!

If you are to do any PAPERING any time this year, or will need any goods in my line, it will pay you to buy now. Such an opportunity will not occur again. Don't wait for pleasant days. Come early and secure the bargains.

This special sale will run until further notice, but may be discontinued in a few days.

"Now is the accepted time."

E. J. WOOD.

Bank Block, Palmer.

We shall open

SATURDAY, MARCH 15,

NEW GOODS

IN EVERY DEPARTMENT,

Including the latest novelties in

DRESS GOODS.

A GREAT VARIETY OF

WHITE GOODS,

As well as a full line of

Staple Goods,

ALL OF WHICH WILL BE OFFERED AT THE LOWEST LIVING PRICES.

J. B. SHAW.

Palmer, March 13, 1884.

STOCK AND TOOLS.

Having sold my Fenton Farm, I offer for sale stock consisting of

COWS, HEIFERS AND STEERS.

—ALSO—

MOWER, HAY RAKE, TEDDER, PLOWS, HARNESS, WAGONS,

And Small Tools.

GEORGE ROBINSON.
Palmer, March 14, 1884. 50tf

BUY THE BEST.

THE EASY RUNNING

Household Sewing Machine,

For Cash or Small Installments.

OLD MACHINES TAKEN IN EXCHANGE!

Oil, Attachments, and Needles for all Sewing Machines.

Machines repaired at short notice.

HOUSEHOLD S. M. CO.,
T. J. SULLIVAN, Agent.
Office at Clark's Shoe Store, Palmer. 6m49

MARBLE! MARBLE!

A large and fine assortment of FINISHED MONUMENTS, TABLETS, etc., etc., now on hand and for sale at

LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICES

for first-class work, at White's Marble and Granite Works.

L. C. WHITE, Palmer, Mass. 6tf

WANTED.

A smart, intelligent boy, about 15 or 16 years of age, to learn the printer's trade.
Apply at THIS OFFICE.

SPRING GOODS.

THE MOST COMPLETE STOCK WE HAVE EVER PRESENTED TO THE PUBLIC.

SUITS

MEN'S, YOUTH'S & BOYS'

IN THE LATEST FABRICS & STYLES.

SPRING OVERCOATS.

A LARGE AND VARIED ASSORTMENT.

HATS.

ALL THE NOVELTIES OF THE SEASON

DRESS GOODS.

An elegant assortment, among which are our Black and Colored SILKS which we are selling at Manufacturers' Prices. An examination will convince you of this fact.

Spring Sacques, Jerseys, Wrappers and Aprons,

THE MOST COMPLETE LINE WE HAVE EVER CARRIED.

Would call special attention to a very nobby line of

GENTS' NECK WEAR AND FANCY SHIRTS.

CUSTOM SHIRTS
Warranted to fit, at short notice.

LOOK AT OUR SAMPLES and PRICES.

Very respectfully,

S. H. HELLYAR & CO.,

CROSS'S BLOCK, PALMER.

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Successor to W. C. DEWEY,

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THE BEST IS THE CHEAPEST!

REMEMBER THE

TRAVELLERS' ACCIDENT COMPANY

IS THE

OLDEST, LARGEST and BEST.

☞ Mr. W. W. LEACH is connected with me in the business, and our office is with C. L. Gardner,

CHURCH ST., PALMER, MASS.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—HAMPDEN, ss. March 15, 1884.

By virtue of an execution which issued on a judgment recovered at the District Court of Eastern Hampden, holden at Palmer, within and for the County of Hampden, on the First day of March current, in favor of C. A. Brown and Ebenezer Brown, both of Palmer, in said county, co-partners in business under the firm name of C. A. Brown & Company, and against Henry A. Perry and Jemima A. Perry, otherwise called Mima A. Perry, and both of said Palmer and county aforesaid, I have taken all the right in equity which the within named Henry A. Perry and Jemima A. Perry, otherwise called Mima A. Perry, had on the Eleventh day of February, 1884, the day when the same was attached on mesne process, to redeem certain mortgaged real estate, situate on Fox avenue in said Palmer, bounded and described as follows, to wit: southwesterly by land of John S. Holden, southeasterly by land of H. P. and J. S. Holden, northeasterly by land of Lois Bowen and northwesterly by the highway, or Fox Avenue so called, containing one-fourth of an acre of land, more or less, with the buildings thereon and being the same premises conveyed by Jemima A. Perry to F. F. Marcy by deed dated March 13, 1878, and recorded with the Hampden registry of deeds, book 349, page 5, and on Friday, the 18th day of April next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, in front of the Court House in said Palmer, I shall offer for sale by public auction to the highest bidder said real estate, above described, and all the right in equity of the said Henry A. Perry and Jemima A. Perry, otherwise called Mima A. Perry thereto.
3w51 J. A. PALMER, Deputy Sheriff.

NOTICE is hereby given that the subscriber has been duly appointed administrator, with the will annexed, of the estate of

REUBEN ROGERS, late of Palmer,

in the county of Hampden, deceased; and has taken upon himself that trust by giving bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to

CHARLES L. GARDNER, Administrator.
Palmer, March 21, 1884. 3w51

FOR SALE!

Cottage house and three-fourths acre of land, well stocked with Fruit Trees, situated in the center of Monson, near churches, schools and post office. For particulars address,
W. H. CHAPIN,
47-tf P. O. Box 236, Worcester, Mass.

NOTICE.—Having given my son, Ernest Eugene Towne, his time, I shall collect none of his wages nor pay any debts of his contracting after this date. WM. B. TOWNE.
Enfield, Mass., March 13, 1884. 3w51

Palmer, Mass.

FOSTER and GAMWELL,

CLOTHIERS,

WE ARE

Constantly Receiving

SPRING STYLES

—IN—

CLOTHING,

HATS, CAPS,

—AND—

Gent's Furnishing Goods,

WHICH WE SHALL SELL AT

BOTTOM PRICES.

ALL HEAVY-WEIGHT GOODS AT MANUFACTURERS' PRICES

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Great Mark-Down

A REDUCTION

—OF—

FROM FIVE TO TWENTY PER CENT.

Having purchased the GIBBONS' SHOE STORE, and wishing to make room for

—— SPRING GOODS ——

I now offer my entire stock at a discount of from five to twenty per cent.

ALL WOOL AND RUBBER GOODS,

MEN'S KIP BOOTS,

LADIES' AND GENT'S VELVET SLIPPERS

AT COST.

SEE MY BARGAIN COUNTER!

Hoping for a generous share of your patronage, I remain, Respectfully,

H. A. CLARK.

Palmer, Feb. 1, 1884.

PETERS' ECLECTIC PIANO INSTRUCTOR.

COMPILED BY W. C. PETERS. PRICE $3.25.

Among the great and successful Piano Methods of the day PETERS ECLECTIC has always held an honorable place. The sale of a quarter of a million copies is proof tangible of its worth, and of favor with which it is regarded, especially in a large number of educational institutions, in which it has long been used. A practical, well graded and thorough book!

DOBSON'S UNIVERSAL BANJO INSTRUCTOR.

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The Banjo is now a fashionable instrument, and the best ones are elegant enough to go anywhere. A good book, destined to be very popular. Contains Elements, 57 bright Reels, Jigs, Hornpipes, etc., and 22 Popular Songs, such as "Old Folks at Home," "Over the Garden Wall," the songs of Dave Braham, etc.

WINNER'S POPULAR IDEAL METHOD.

For Violin,	For Guitar,	For Piano,
For Cornet,	For Flute,	For Cab. Organ,
For Clarionet,	For Banjo,	For Flageolet,
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Price of each book 75 cents.

Immensely popular cheap Instructors, with brief instructive course, and each with about one hundred neatly arranged popular airs for practice.

OLIVER DITSON & CO., Boston.

FARM FOR SALE in Ware, of about 65 acres, pleasant location, three miles from village. Keep four cows and horse, wood enough for home use, supply of peaches, plums, and other fruit. Barn and house connected. House 2 stories, modern built and very convenient. Price, $1200. Half or more of purchase money can remain on mortgage at 6 per cent. Other farms for sale. Real estate and other property bought and sold.

Inquire of S. C. ROGERS, State Primary School, Monson, or of H. M. ROGERS, 344 Main Street, Worcester Mass. 4w51 40tf

NEW LUMBER YARD!

F. F. MARCY, PALMER, MASS.,

DEALER IN

All kinds of LUMBER and SHINGLES, at retail and wholesale by the car-load. Windows, Doors, Blinds and Mouldings. Carpenters' and Joiners Work done to order.

Yard and shop junction of the B. & A. and N. L. N. railroads, west of depot.

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—FOR—

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IF YOU WANT ANY BALLOTS PRINTED GO TO THE

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Where they will be done

NEATLY, ACCURATELY,

AND AT A LOW PRICE.

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CARRIAGE MANUFACTORY AND WAREROOMS,

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150 CARRIAGES IN STOCK.

ALL GRADES. LOWEST PRICES.
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UNIFORM CONSISTENCY in COLD and WARM WEATHER.

NORCROSS BROS., MONSON,

AGENTS

For VALVE-OLEUM, the new Lubricating Oil for

MOWING MACHINES, WAGONS, CARRIAGES, DRAYS, SEWING MACHINES, Etc.

Its merits are highly endorsed by Liverymen, Truckmen, Farmers and others.

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Palmer, 16, Nov. 1883 33tf

Song of the Silent Land.

Into the Silent Land,
Ah, who shall lead us thither?
Clouds in the evening sky more darkly gather
And shattered wrecks lie thickly on the strand.
Who leads us with a gentle hand
Thither, thither,
Into the Silent Land!

Into the Silent Land!
To you, ye boundless regions
Of all perfection! Tender morning vision
Of beauteous souls! The Future's pledge and hand!
Who in life's battle firm doth stand
Shall bear Hope's tender blossoms
Into the Silent Land!

O Land! O Land!
For all the broken-hearted,
The mildest herald by our fate allotted
Beckons and with inverted torch doth stand
To lead us with a gentle hand
To the land of the Departed,
Into the Silent Land!

—*H. W. Longfellow.*

Written for the Journal.

FACTS FROM EARLY DATES.

In examining family registers and proprietors' records I have been interested to learn many things connected with the history of the first settlers of this district, now named Palmer. Samuel Nevins, from Londonderry, born in 1654, came to the Elbows in 1727, though he with several others are included within the date of 1720 and 1727. He was Father of Robert and David Nevins, who came at the same time with their families. Samuel Nevins was seventy years old when he came here. He took an active part in business affairs, in trying to bring the district into an organized township. He died at the age of 94. He was the oldest man that came to this district, and also lived to be the next oldest.

Deacon Samuel Shaw was somewhat younger in coming here, and was a more leading element in the settlement. He died at the age of 95 years. There were several of the pioneer settlers between 50 and 60 years of age. Robert Smith, born in England in 1668, came to Ireland in 1680, married and had two sons and two daughters. James married Margaret Brown, of Scotch descent, and had five children.John, Robert, James, Hugh and Margaret. Patrick and the two daughters were also married, one daughter marrying a Mr. Parkhill,the other a Mr. McMitchell. John, the eldest son of James, was 11 years old, Robert 9 and James 5 when they came here.

Their first place to make a home was where Charles Smith now lives, on the west side of Potoquatoc mountain. James Smith elder (for there were three more generations by that name) took up land east of their location, which remained in that family for 120 years. Patrick had a lot laid out to him north of Potoquatoc pond, Mr. McMitchel a lot on the west side of the first location. Deacon John, the son of 11 years when he came here, settled on the place south of James the elder, known as the Lee place. Hugh located where James O. Hamilton now lives. The family of Robert Smith, Jr., has become numberless. It has been a familiar name since the town was first settled, and there are many in adjoining towns and western states. Their daughters married into many families of the district in the past century.

There is no man in town in the present century, or that lived in the past, by the name of Smith, descendants of the first settlers, who is not a descendant of Robert Smith, Jr.

These five families, father, mother, sons and daughters, with grandchildren, left their homes, in our imagination, with flattering visions of homes of their own and freedom in their religious views. But a sad gloom soon prevaded their minds. On the voyage here that aged mother sickened and died. The grave she sought in the western world proved to be a watery one in the briny deep. Perhaps this affliction proved to be a strong cause for their near location to each other, and the first generations always remaining on their homesteads.

A knowledge of some of the locations in the district are inquired for with much interest, to keep pace with the history of progress of the new settlement. It is evident that at first they had but little idea where the place would be that proved to be the magnet point to center all business in the Elbow tract, a spot known now as the Old Center.

But after the settlers become located by the General Court grant, they no longer disputed the idea of confering near where they made their choice. But a warm strife arose between the north and south part of the district, as to where the meeting house should stand, which I will describe be records of lands owned by different settlers, and roads laid out by the proprietors and accepted at their regular meetiugs. The strife results in a selectiou of the one on Crawford lot, north of the present location, and east of Crawford's house, on the north side of the road where it now runs. The other site was the expected lot for the meeting house. For some time previous, we find roads layed out and on the limits noted as the meeting house lot. This lot was west of Cedar Swamp brook twenty rods. But when they decided on building, the south part of the district wanted the location changed, and they voted for the locatiou where it was built, on Crawford's lot, and the other party voted for the Helsey location on the east side of the brook, near the house known as the Thank'y John McMasters.

The owners of land at the center of the town, and for some time after the meetiug house was built: John Moore's lot commenced on the east side of where the burying lot was laid out, north and south 100 rods wide, north and south lines parallel to each other, running due west 120 rods. Wm. Crawford's lot was bounded north by John Moore, and runs west to a rock on the side hill, above where Trumble now lives, and north to Duncan Quinton's, where Hardin Hunt now lives, then east to Janes Lamberton's lot. James Lamberton's house was on the brow of the hill east of the center, on what was known as the Brookfield road. John Moore also had another lot of 50 acres east and south of the burying ground which gave these two men the possessiou of the whole center, and when the road was laid in 1736, running north from James McMaster's to Alexanders Tackelsford (bounds Hadley as discribed) there is no mention of any settlers on that street laid through the Ceuter. The public meetings were frequently held at John Moore's and Wm. Crawford's; entertainments at Duncan Hunton's.

Rev. Mr. Harvey's lot was southeast of the Center, on the Brimfield road, 290 rods from the meeting house, on the plain which Luthur Shaw once owned, extending east to Cedar swamp. The mountain on the east was called Cedar mountain. Cedar brook starts from this swamp and runs northerly, which the town has purchased of Dickins Calkins for a pest house, also by the meeting house lot so called and and by Josiah Gates, where in 1775 there was a sawmill and it is the principal feeder to the Potoquotoc pond.

The ministry lot was laid out both sides of Ware river, bounded north by Esquire Read's 10,000 acres, equivalent land. This line was perambulated by a committee appointed by the citizens of the Elbows in 1736, from Brookfield to a boundary north of Charles Shaw's, and from thence to Swift river.

There were some grants made by the General Court that were not subject to the proprietors in relaying their claims. In 1733 the proprietor's lots were bounded on these grants, Dwight's heirs had a grant of 300 acres east of Potoquatoc pond. There was a large grant on Potoquatoc mountain called Hubbard's grant.

A sawmill and gristmill were put in operation at Thorndike about the time they were in successful operation at the ponds. I find Robert Farrel had his home farm relaid in 1736, the southwest corner a little below the sawmill, and James McElwaine had a lot laid out to him the south side of the river, called in the survey the sawmill lot. Robert Farrel and Andrew Farrel built a gristmill up the river, and commenced running it in 1736. At a meeting called to see if the district would accept it under the consideration of giving them 100 acres of land, the same as Steward Southgate had received for building his at Potoquatoc pond, it was hoped that the mill would accommodate the people, and it was decided in the affirmative and ordered to be recorded.

At an early date David Darling built a gristmill on Swift river. He turned the water onto his wheel by a cobble stone dam. In time David Jr. commenced more permanent improvements. They will be given in the history of Bondsville.
Genealogies of families and location of first settlers will be thankfully received.

E. B. GATES.

HOW MILLIONAIRES ARE MADE.

Said I: "Who is the wealthiest man in California?"

"Jim Flood, worth $100,000,000; he is a liberal man and a shrewd one. He has built up on San Francisco bay a new port called Costa City, with magnificent store houses and piers from which the wood of those rich counties is shipped direct to Europe and the world. O'Brien, Flood's partner, is dead and his fortune distributed. Mackey, one of the bonanza crowd, is thought to be worth $60,000,000, and Jim Fair worth perhaps $40,000,000.

Said I: "How in the world did Flood & O'Brien make such fortunes?"

"Just in this way, my friend," said Mr. Hyneman, taking up a piece of paper and a pencil. "Flood & O'Brien kept a saloon, and the drinks were 25 cents apiece. Fair and Mackey were miners who for some years did not strike anything very rich. So they gave mining stock for their drinks instead of money. The habit was to walk into the saloon with three or four friends, ask for the drinks and drink them, repeat and say to the bar keeper, 'This is mine,' and walk out. The bar keeper made four marks with a pencil and a fifth mark across them, signifying $1.25 for each round. These rounds would go up to a pretty high figure, but on certain occasions Mackey and Fair would say, 'Well, Flood, we want to make a settlement for drinks,' and they would give their mining stock at a certain valuation current at that time, which Flood & O'Brien put into the safe. Behold! On a certain day metal is struck in prodigious quantities in the mines that Fair and Mackey own, and when Flood & O'Brien open the safe and count the stock they have, it amounts to more than Fair and Mackey's, so when the mines were pouring out their million or two every week, these saloon keepers, who had been receiving 25 cents per drink for watered whisky, staked a fortune."

"Have any of those men produced sons of any consequence?"

"None whatever. The parents were tolerably keen and somewhat generous people. Mackey has set up several persons in business, partly from generosity, somewhat from conceiving that they would make money. The tendency of such new-fangled families is to be volnptuous."—*An Interview with a Californian.*

A BLIND SPOT IN YOUR EYE.

There is a spot in your eye that is not sensitive to light, a part of the eye with which we do not see. The following directions for finding it are going the rounds of the papers, and may be new to most of our boys and girls:

Shut your left eye, and with your right one look steadily at the cross below, holding the paper ten or twelve inches from the eye.

X O

Now move the paper slowly toward the eye, which must be kept fixed on the cross. At a certain distance the other figure—the letter O—will suddenly disappear; but if you bring the paper nearer it will come agaiu into view. You may not succeed in the experiment on the first trial, but with a little patience you can hardly fail; and the suddenness with which the black spot vanishes and reappears is very striking.

THE INTEMPERATE MAN'S PLEDGE.

"There's my money—give me drink; There's my clothing and food and fire of my wife and children—give me drink! There's the education of my family and the peace of my house—give me drink! There's the rent I have robbed from my landlord, fees I have robbed from my schoolmaster, and innumerable articles I have robbed from the shop-keeper—give me drink! Pour me out drink for yet more I will pay for it! There's my health of body and peace of mind; there's my character as a man and my profession as a Christian; I give up all—give me drink! More yet have I to give! There's my heavenly inheritance and the eternal friendship of the redeemed; there, there is all hope of salvation! I give up my Savior! I give up my God! I give up all that is great, good, and glorious in the universe! I resign all forever that I may be drunk!"

A RECENT DISCOVERY.

At a recent meeting of the Edinburgh Field Naturalists' Club a paper was communicated by Mr. John Turnbull, Galashiels, locally known as a clever microscopist, in which he explained a new and simple method of obtaining beautiful impressions of the leaves of plants on paper. The materials necessary to take these impressions cost almost nothing. A piece of carbonized paper plays the principal part in the process; but it is of importance to have the carbonized paper fresh, and it should be kept in a damp place, for when the paper dries the pictures that may be printed from it are not so effective. The leaf or plant to be copied is first of all carefully spread out over the carbonized paper on a table, or, better still, a blotting pad. Next take a piece of thin, tough paper and lay it on the leaf. Then, with the tips of the fingers, rub over the thin paper so as to get the plant thoroughly inked. This done, place the leaf on the paper on which the impression is to be taken. A smooth printing paper gives the clearest copy. The thin paper is now laid on the plant as before, and the rubbing continued. Of course, care must be taken to keep the plant in position, for if it moves the impression will be faulty. However, the matter is so very simple that anybody should succeed. Impressions taken in this way have all the delicacy of steel engravings and the faithfulness of photographs. His discovery is likely to come into favor for decorative purposes. The headings of letters on the margins of books might be very tastefully adorned with truly artistic representations of plants. The wood engraver also will find it will serve his purpose as well, if not better, than photography. Specimens that have been copied by Mr. Turnbull's system, when examined with the microscope, are found to be perfect, even to the delicate hairs that are scarcely visible on the plant to the naked eye.—*Chamber's Journal.*

A WORD ON COOKING.

Take one or two common dishes as cooked by ordinary servants, and compare them with what they should be; for instance that much abused dish, "hash." No wonder, as it is brought to the table too often. The odds and ends of meat, left over from many meals, are picked up; some are fresh and some dry, some with tough gristle on, and all chopped together with potatoes (the last perhaps just cooked and hot, which spoils all hashes). It is put into a cold spider, with fat of some kind, and moistened with water, sometimes too much and sometimes too little. When hot it is sent to the table. The real, appetizing hash is something very different and a nice breakfast dish. Water in which meat of any kind has been boiled should be set away to cool, the fat removed and the broth saved for soups, stews and hashes. All gravies should be saved and treated in the same way, and no fat at all left in them. A jar of "Extract of Beef" should be in every house, and if there is neither of the above on hand, a quarter of a teaspoonful of the extract in a half cup of hot water will moisten and flavor the hash, and add very much to its richness. More should be used if the quantity of hash needed is large. Corned beef is always best, but the hash is good when made of cold roast beef, mutton, or fowls. A roast beef bone will often have on it meat enough for hash, when there is not enough for the table in any other form. It should be boiled in a very little water (and the water saved to moisten it) until the meat loosens from the bones; then chopped with twice the amount of cold boiled potatoes, seasoned with salt and pepper and moistened before putting on the fire. The spider with a little butter or dripping in it should be boiling hot, the hash put on and covered until a light brown crust has formed; then turned over on the platter and served.—*American Agriculturist for April.*

CURIOUS ANTIPATHIES IN ANIMALS.

The same gentleman also possessed a beautiful bay mare called Jenny, remarkable for her sweet temper and pretty, loving ways. She was a great favorite with the doctor's daughters, and would "shake hands" when asked, and kiss them in the most engaging manner, with a sort of nibbling motion of her black lips up and down the face. She would follow any one she liked about the fields, answer to her name like a dog, and would always salute any of her favorites on seeing them with that pretty low "hummering" sound so common with pet horses, but never heard from those subject to ill-treatment. But, with all these graces, the pretty and interesting Jenny had several peculiar antipathies, in one of which she too somewhat resembled a dog Wag, and that was a marked dislike to the singing voice of one particular person, a lady, a relative of the doctor's. This lady often went to the stable to feed Jenny with lettuces or apples, and they were always the best of friends; but so sure as she began to sing anything, Jenny instantly forgot her good manners, lost all propriety, and exhibited the usual signs of strong equine displeasure, although she never took the smallest notice of the singing or whistling of any other person, treating it apparently with indifference. One day, as the doctor was driving this lady out, he suggested, by way of experiment, that she should begin to sing. In a moment, Jenny's ears were down flat, and a great kick was delivered with hearty goodwill on to the front of the carriage; and more would doubtless have followed, had not the lady prudently stopped short in her vocal efforts; when Jenny was herself again, and resumed her usual good behavior.—*Chamber's Journal.*

We complain of the times, but they never will mend,
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"I must," said he, "express surprise
That any one with two good eyes,
Or even one, should fail to see
Spring's coming depends on me.
When I come, then will come the Spring,
And that's the gist of the whole thing."

"Ho, ho! He, he! Well, I declare!"
A squirrel chuckled, high in air,
"That is too droll—that you should bring,
Instead of being brought by, Spring.
I hadn't meant to boast, but now
The cause of truth will not allow
My silence! so I'll merely state
That Spring for me must always wait.
The thing admits not of a doubt:
Spring can't begin till I come out."

"Well, bless my stars! For pure conceit,"
Began the Brook, "you two do beat
All I have heard. As if 't were true
Spring never came at all till you
Were born, and can't come when you're dead!
I'm sorry, sir, you've been misled.
But I can set you right. I know
Spring comes when I begin to flow.
When my ice melts, and not till then,
Spring dares to venture forth again."

"Whew!" sneered the Breeze, in high disdain,
"You're wrong as they are, it is plain.
When I first came, not long ago,
I found you naught but ice and snow.
'Twas my warm breath, you thankless thing,
That broke your bands and brought the Spring.
The robins and squirrels all
Come only when they hear me call.
In fact, I may assert with truth
I am the Spring itself, in sooth.
Spring's here because I'm here, and when
I leave you'll have no Spring again."

—*E. J. Wheeler, in St. Nicholas for April.*

THE TWO OVERCOATS.

When Amos Derby came out of Levi Rosenbaum's pawnshop, the richer by $5, but leaving his overcoat in the hands of the Jew, he made his way directly to Sillbrook's saloon, where, he felt sure, he should meet half a dozen at least, of his boon companions.

He was not mistaken. The bar-room was crowded, and a general shout of welcome greeted him as he entered, for Amos was a generous fellow, and was always willing to treat.

The $5 bill was quickly broken by the jovial bar-keeper, and two hours later when Amos walked rather unsteadily out of the saloon, he had not a cent in his pocket. But this did not trouble him in the least. He had spent too much money in Sillbrook's during the last two years to think anything of squandering in one evening such a paltry sum as $5.

As he left the saloon by the main entrance, he saw a man emerge from a side door of the building, and cross the street with rapid strides; a tall man, well dressed and bearing about him a look of prosperity. He wore a very handsome overcoat, with sealskin cuffs and collar, a sealskin cap and well fitting gloves. Drunk as Amos was he recognized him at once; it was Sillbrook himself.

"Been in the back room countin' up his gains, most likely," he muttered thickly. "He's above standin' behind the bar now-a-days."

Amos could well remember when Sillbrook had been only a mill-hand like himself, earning $12 a week. But he had been a prudent, saving man always, and had early made up his mind to be rich, no matter at what cost of conscience and principle. With this end in view he had purchased a saloon, and cordially invited his former fellow-workers at the mill to patronize him. This they were very willing to do, for Sillbrook knew how to make his saloon attractive; and he soon had as much enstom as he could well attend to. At length he hired a bar-keeper, and after a couple of years was never seen behind the bar himself. He had grown rich very rapidly, and now owned one of the finest houses in the town, and was able to gratify every taste and whim, while those who had helped him to his wealth by drinking his liquors, were as poor as ever—many of them poorer.

Amos Derby had been one of Sillbrook's best customers ever since the saloon had been opened, and as a natural consequence had had little to spend in comforts for his wife and little children. He still lived in the small cottage he had bought on first moving to the town, and had seen it grow more and more dilapidated every year without making any attempt to repair it.

But though the outside was far from attractive, the inside was always neat and clean, for, whatever her faults of temper, Jane Derby was a woman who believed thoroughly in abiding by heaven's first law, and who labored early and late to make both ends meet, something she would not have been able to accomplish had she not possessed skill as a dressmaker, for Amos seldom gave her any of his earnings. She was sitting in the kitchen sewing when her husband came in, and a bitter expression crossed her face as she saw his condition.

"Drunk, as usual," she said, harshly, "when were you anything else?"

"When you were kinder spoken, perhaps," answered Amos, with spirit. "This is the sort of welcome I get every night in the week. 'Tain't much wonder I go to Sillbrook's." He dropped into a chair as he spoke, and began to pull off his boots.

"If you didn't have one excuse you'd make another," said Jane, flushing and bending over her sewing, "Perhaps you think I ought to feel pleasant when you come home in this state. Well! it ain't human nature, that it ain't! I mind the time you brought home your wages reg'lar, every Sat'day night, and then I was willin' enough to speak kind to you. Now the children would starve if it wasn't for me. Where's your overcoat?" a sudden pallor creeping into her face as she asked the question. "Yes, where is that overcoat?—what have you done with it, you haven't it on—where is it?"

"Where d'ye s'pose?" said Amos roughly.

"Down at the pawnshop, of course." cried his wife, angrily, "where every decent coat you ever had has gone. But you promised me you'd never part with this one, Amos Derby, and you've broke your word. I might have known you would. And to think how I worked for it, and let the children do without shoes! It's too bad! I declare it is! I gave $12 for it only a month ago, and I'll wager you let Levi have it for half of that. It's a shame, a dreadful shame."

"Stop that. I won't have it," said Amos in a threatening tone. "There's no use whining over it now. If you say another word about it I'll go out again, right off."

"Go!" said Jane, fiercely, "and I wish it was forever! I wish I had never to look on your face again! You're naught but a trouble and a disgrace to us all!"

"All right," said Amos, as he pulled on his boots again, "I'm goin'. I'll take you at your word, You won't see me again in a hurry; now, you just mark that. A trouble and a disgrace, am I?"

"Yes, you are!" said Jane, her anger increasing as her mind dwelt upon the loss of the coat she had worked so hard to earn. "I mean all I've said, and more, too! Go! go to Sillbrook's! Ask him to show you the overcoat he's wearin'. I saw it yesterday, and yours wasn't a circumstance to it! Go! Give him every penny you've got! He needs it!" with a bitter laugh. "His children's feet are all out on the ground, and his wife hasn't a decent dress to her name," with a glance at her faded calico gown. "Help him all you can, Amos Derby, he's in need o' charity."

Amos made no answer, He was considerably more sober than when he left the saloon, for the walk home through the fresh winter air had done him good, and he felt the force of his wife's words. They rang in his ears as he slammed the kitchen door behind him, and taking the road which led by the mill, walked rapidly away.

He was soon in the heart of the town, but he did not think or care where he was going. His only idea was to get away from the sound of Jane's sharp voice, and he turned down first one street and then another, without pausing, until he came to Elm Avenue, on which were situated the handsomest houses in the town. There was a large square, brick house on the corner, with stables in the rear, a conservatory on one side, and a beautiful lawn in front, and this place seemed to possess some strange fascination for Amos, for he stopped suddenly at the gate and stood there for fully five minutes, admiring, perhaps, the mansion's air of solid comfort and wealth.

The iron gate stood open, and presently, as if impelled by some impulse he could not resist, he entered, and walked softly up the graveled path, and looked in at one of the long windows.

The room upon which he gazed was very handsomely furnished. The chairs were luxuriously cushioned, a large mirror hung over the mantle, the carpet was of velvet, a crystal chandelier depended from the ceiling, and a bright fire burned in the open grate, before which sat a lady, richly dressed, reading aloud to three children, sitting on ottomans at her feet.

For a long, long time Amos Derby stood by the window, his eyes wandering from one article of luxury to another, a dark frown on his face, and his teeth set hard together.

"My money," he muttered, when at last he turned away. "I've given it to him, cent by cent and dollar by dollar, and I've naught to show for it, while he! he's got his fine house, and his rich carpets, and his handsome clothes. It's the same money, only I've spent it in one way, and he in another."

As the last words left his lips a hand fell heavily upon his shoulder, and a voice—the voice of Sillbrook—asked him harshly what he wanted.

"A look into your fine parlor," answered Amos roughly. "Strange I wanted to see it, wasn't it? It ought not to matter to me, of course not, what use you make of my money."

"Your money!" said Sillbrook with a loud laugh. "That's a crazy joke! Come, my man, you're drunk. Get out of here or I'll have you put where you can make your jokes to yourself."

"You think you're rich enough now to speak to me as you choose," said Amos hotly. "Time was when you wouldn't have dared. But I tell you, Jason Sillbrook, I've come to my senses to-night. It's a poor bargain where the gain's all on one side. We started even, and you've got all and I nothin'. But I tell you now, that heaven helpin' me, you'll never have another dollar o' mine to spend. You'll never buy another coat like this out o' my money," and he struck in sudden passion the seal-trimmed garment which covered Sillbrook's ample proportions.

"Be off with you," said the saloon keeper. "You're too drunk to know what you are talking about."

"And who made me drunk? Answer that question, Jason Sillbrook," screamed Amos.

"I'll answer nothing," said Sillbrook, and tearing his coat from the grasp Amos had laid upon it, he strode up the path and disappeared within the house.

The next morning, when the superintendent made his round of the mill, he missed one of his machine hands.

"Where's Derby?" he asked angrily.

No one could answer his question. No one had seen Derby that day. And no one at the mill saw him for many a day to come.

"I might have been kinder to him," thought Jane, when at last she became convinced that her husband had indeed left her. "Perhaps I did say more'n I should at times. Poor Amos! he was no more to blame than I was, after all. Perhaps he would have kept out o' that saloon if I'd only coaxed him 'stead o' railing at him. He wasn't bad-hearted, an' he never meant more'n half he said."

And as the days went by, and she forgot her past sorrows, she had only kind tho'ts of her absent husband, and blamed only herself for their mutual misery. She wished with all her heart that she could "begin all over again," and try the effect of kindness and forbearance on Amos.

But no such opportunity was given her, and she had little time for bitter thoughts or unavailing regrets.

The superintendent of the mill gave her eldest child, a lad of 14, a situation where he could earn $4 a week, and a girl a year younger found work in a millinery store. Thus Jane was relieved of much anxiety, and she was so skillful with her needle that she soon found herself able to "lay by something for a rainy day," as she expressed it.

Gradually the children were provided with comfortable clothes and were sent to church and to Sunday-school, from which they had been debarred for several years, owing to a lack of decent apparel; the house was repaired, new furniture bought, a flower garden laid out in front of the cottage, and a new fence erected. People began to speak of Jane as a surprisingly smart woman, and to say that her husband's desertion had been a blessing in disguise. But in spite of her prosperity there was an ache ever at Jane's heart, and a regret which no good fortune could stifle.

"If I'd only been kinder!" she would say to herself, as she lay awake at night and thought of her absent husband. "It was my fault he drank; I see that now. He was always telling me that my temper'd ruin him in the end, and now his word's come true."

She felt as if she ought to make some atonement for her past sin, even though she was never to see her husband again, and with this end in view she determined to cure herself of the habits of scolding and fault-finding about which poor Amos had complained so bitterly.

After a few hard struggles at first, she found her new path very pleasant to her feet, and was encouraged to persevere by the artless comments frequently made by her children on the improvement in her temper.

"You're so good, now, mother," they would say, when, instead of the sharp rebuke they had expected on the commission of some childish folly, came very kind words of regret and gentle reproof. "You are so different from what you used to be. If father would only come home and live with us now, how happy we would all be."

But Amos did not come. Year after year passed, and he sent no word or sign; and at length both wife and children grew to think of him as dead.

Seven years! Seven years to a day had passed since Amos Derby had left his home, and up the street and past the mill came a tall man, with a cap of sealskin pulled low over his eyes, and a handsome overcoat trimmed with the same costly fur over his arm. He whistled as he walked, and seemed in great good humor, for occasionally he would break out into a loud laugh.

But as he came near the cottage where Jane Derby lived, he became more quiet, and an anxious expression stole into his face.

"I wonder if she'll know me," he muttered.

Going up to the window of the kitchen, he shaded his eyes with one hand and looked in.

Jane was sitting at supper, her five children about her. The room looked warm and comfortable. A bright fire burned in the stove, the kettle sang merrily, and a big maltese cat dosed among some plants on the broad window seat.

Fred, the eldest son, a muscular young man of 21 now was speaking, and his words came distinctly to the ears of the watcher outside.

"Brooks goes to-morrow," he said, "and we are to have a new superintendent from ——. I hope he'll have a better temper than Brooks, and I wish—who 's that?" as a sudden knock came upon the door.

"The new superintendent," said the tall man, as he walked into the room and threw his overcoat on a chair.

"Jane, don't you know me?"

With a glad cry that was almost a sob, Jane sprang forward and was folded in the stranger's arms.

"Children," she said, when she could speak, "this is your father, come back to us at last."

"And to stay, please God," said Amos Derby fervently, as in turn he embraced his children affectionately. "Jane, you shall have no room to complain of me in the future. I mean to make up to you for all I made you suffer before I found out what a fool I was to think more of my appetite than of my wife and children. Do you know what taught me my lesson?—Sillbrook's overcoat; and I've got one just like it. It will be a reminder, you know. And I've something better still—the place of superintendent at the mills here. I've worked hard, Jane, but my reward has come at last. When I left here I resolved never to come back until I could make myself worthy of you and the children. I found a place in the mill at——, and worked my way up to be superintendent. Where there's a will there's always a way, you know. I learned that you didn't need my help, so I waited on year after year, and now—"

"We are together, never to part again this side the grave," finished Jane, "Amos, God rules us all for the best. Let us thank Him for the blessings He has bestowed upon us; and then—suppose you let us see how you look in that overcoat you've come by so justly."

The news that Amos Derby was the new superintendent soon flew about the town, and great was the surprise thereat. No one was more astonished, perhaps, at the turn affairs had taken, than Jason Sillbrook, and he wondered greatly at the good fortune of the man he had once so despised; but he never knew that it was largely due to the lesson Amos had learned from the saloon keeper's overcoat.

Mirage.

We'll read that book, we'll sing that song,
But when? Oh, when the days are long;
When thoughts are free, and voices clear;
Some happy time within the year;—
The days troop by with noiseless tread,
The song unsung; the book unread.

We'll see that friend, and make him feel
The weight of friendship, true as steel;
Some flower of sympathy bestow—
But time sweeps on with steady flow,
Until with quick, reproachful tear,
We lay our flowers upon his bier.

And still we walk the desert sands,
And still with trifles fill our hands,
While ever just beyond our reach,
A fairer purpose shows to each;
The deeds we have not done, but willed,
Remain to haunt us—unfulfilled.

THE STORY OF A FACTORY.

"You see that large factory? It covers the entire block. Half a million of money wouldn't buy it. Well, it was built by a little piece of cord not more than six inches long." Here the speaker paused and scrutinized the reporter's countenance for indications of incredulity, not to say astonishment. But the narrator was talking to a man who, since the introduction of the telephone, has made it a point of principle to be ready for anything and to believe all that he hears. The speaker added:

"Eight years ago there lived on the west side, in the third story of a cheap tenement down near the North river, a poor mechanic, who was kept poor because he had a passion for inventing; it amounted to a passion. He didn't drink and didn't travel with the politicians, and all who knew his family wondered why they should be so poor. Time passed on, and still the man was poor. But at last he perfected an invention—the simplest thing on earth—and with his patent in his hand he went down town one day, and called for the head of a house whose check was current for five figures anywhere in the street. The inventor offered to sell two-thirds of his patent for $20,000 if the house would bind itself to put $100,000 into factories for producing the little thing that he had invented. The firm signed papers in less than an hour from the time of hearing the proposal, and in another hour the inventor had converted the firm's check for $20,000 into greenbacks. Lots were bought and a factory was erected. The business speedily grew to gigantic proportions, and at length the firm acquired all the rest of the block and covered it with brick and mortar, and now the inventor is able to associate with the millionaires. The little glove fastener—a piece of cord about six inches long and a dozen little metal hooks or buttons—is the thing that was invented.

AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY.

A new process of bleaching which is regarded as an event in the history of scientific discovery was explained at the Essex institute in Salem the other night by Charles Tappan, the discoverer of the principle. Scientific experts present declare that "unless all signs fail it marks an epoch." The improvement of bleaching within its present scope, is only one of its manifestations. Its sponsors foresee a readjustment of values and amplification of resources over the whole field of manufacture into which fibrous material enters. Cotton, flax, wool and silk are not only to be changed in their relations commercially with each other, but to have new companions. These changes are to be brought about by a new chemical agent, the base of which is petroleum. This agent was discovered through various experiments with petroleum, resulting in a series of successes. An early success was obtaining a preparation called "Cosmoline." Another was the production of a paraffine paper and a preparation to make cloth water-proof. The experiments were in the direction of improving lubricating oils and carriers' oils compounded in part of petroleum, and eventually petroleum or paraffine toilet soap was made. By accident it was found that this soap helped whiten clothes. Further experiments were made, and now abundant laboratory and practical tests of the process have carried it beyond the stage of experiment. It is believed that the discovery will revolutionize the present process of bleaching when conducted on a large scale. Cheaper, quicker and better bleaching, and much better and stronger cloth when bleached are promised.

The new process is comprised essentially in the use of paraffine soap, though the preparation is not identically that of toilet soap. The bleaching is completed in from 8 to 14 hours, requires one short boil with the paraffine compound, and a single treatment with acid and chlorine. The loss of weight is so slight that filling is unnecessary. The whitening is not only permanent but the cloth even grows whiter by storing, and goods will not mildew under any circumstances. The cost of bleaching is greatly lessened by saving time and labor. If the goods so bleached be dyed, the color constantly deepens or grows stronger. Fast colors in prints are assured under the new process. The result of the application of the process to linen textiles is noteworthy. It is claimed that American flax fields by utilizing the flax hay as well as seed are to yield 10 times as much per acre as can be now obtained. Flax stalks subjected to three or four hours' treatment by the new method give a white flax of finer filaments than is now possible. What the subtle element is that works the various wonders whose primary source is petroleum is not yet set forth in any text-book. Bank deposits have been drawn upon in this city and New York. A large mill and water privilege have been bought in Canton where a business under patents already secured will be started within a few weeks.—*Republican.*

It was his first attempt on roller skates, and as they brought him to the toilet room he remarked: "I tell you, boys, that was gorgeous. I must have kicked in the whole dome of heaven, from the way the stars flew round. I wonder if there's any left for the next man?"

SHIPPING BULLION.

Trucks loaded with well-dressed men rolled up Wall street at intervals yesterday morning, and disappeared on the covered pier of the Cunard steamship company at the foot of Clarkson street. Besides the men the trucks carried small kegs and iron-bound boxes, which were unloaded on the pier alongside of the steamship Servia, which sailed in the afternoon. The men carefully carried the kegs and boxes to the after part of the vessel, where they were locked in an iron chamber. The kegs and boxes held $2,150,000 worth of gold which was going to Europe. On the steamship Baltic $2,350,000 in gold was shipped.

The gold was in the form of bars and double eagles, and was the largest amount shipped on a single day for several years. The gold bars were obtained in exchange for gold certificates at the Assay office, and the double eagles came from the vaults of the sub-treasury, where gold certificates were deposited in their stead. The double eagles were delivered in canvas bags, each holding $5000. The bars, which are worth anywhere between $4000 and $5000 each, were packed in sawdust in wooden boxes. They were carried on trucks to the offices of the firms that had bought them, and were then boxed and barreled and carried off to the steamship piers under heavy guard.

The little kegs and iron-bound boxes stored in the "treasure room" on the Servia were 40 all told, and were counted by the officers before the large iron door was closed and locked. The purser has the money in his especial care. The storing of so much wealth in the Servia created no particular stir.

"It is not unusual for us to receive on board large amounts of gold," said a clerk at the wharf. "We carry more or less on every trip."

"What precautions are taken against robbery?"

"In the first place the treasure room is of iron, and is as strong as any bank safe. It has complicated locks, and no cracksmen, no matter how clever they were, could get into it inside of a week."

"Is it especially guarded during the trip?"

"Yes, it is thoroughly looked after. The purser and officers thoroughly inspect it three times a day, and three times at night."

"Was the Servia's treasure chamber ever broken into?"

"Never; and no one ever tried to break into it. Anyway, if thieves did get in, they could not very well carry away the gold, for it is too heavy. The gold in these 40 kegs and boxes weighs close to 25,000 pounds."

A weather-beaten man with a drooping eye-lid, who had been listening, tapped the reporter on the shoulder as he was leaving the wharf.

"Young man," said he, "ever heerd of Capt. Kidd? Well, his plunder warn't a rope yarn to a six-inch hawser along side this here wealth in the Servia. Ef Kidd was around these days them millions would never get across the pond. Wot a pity for him he is dead."

The superintendent of an importing house which is constantly sending out large amounts of gold said yesterday that the house insures it. The firm get the money from the sub-treasury or assay office, prepare it for shipment, and then lodge it in the vessel. There their trouble ends.

"Do you send anyone along to watch it on the way?"

"No; it would do no good. The money is perfectly safe in the vessel, and in the extremely improbable event of an attack our man might get killed."

"Why do you send out gold?"

"Because it is impossible to buy commercial bills. There are not any in the market."—*N. Y. Sun.*

OCEANS OF MILK.

It is estimated that it requires 150,000,000 cows to supply the demand for milk and its products in the United States. To feed these cows 60,000,000 acres of land are under cultivation. The agricultural and dairy machinery and implements in use are worth over $200,000,000. The men employed in the business number 700,000, and the horses nearly 1,000,000. The cows and horses consume annually 30,000,000 tons of hay, nearly 90,000,000 bushels of corn meal, about the same amount of oat meal, 275,000,000 bushels of oats, 2,000,000 bushels of bran and 30,000,000 bushels of corn, to say nothing of the brewery grains and questionable feed of various kinds that is used to a great extent. It costs $400,000,000 to feed these cows and horses. The average price paid to the laborers necessary in the dairy business is probably $20 a month, amounting to $168,000,000 a year. The average cow yields about 450 gallons of milk a year, giving a total product of 6,750,000,000 gallons; 12 cents a gallon is a fair price to estimate the value of this milk at, a total return to the dairy farmer of $810,000,000. Fifty per cent of the milk is made into cheese and butter. It takes 27 pounds of milk to make one pound of butter, and 10 pounds of milk to make one pound of cheese. There is the same amount of nutrition in 3½ pounds of milk that there is in one pound of beef. A fat steer furnishes 50 per cent of boneless beef, but it would require about 24,000,000 steers weighing 1500 pounds each to produce the same amount of nutrition as the annual milk production does.—*Sussex Herald.*

Irish gent (paying debt of honor): "There's the sovereign ye kindly lint me, Brown. I'm sorry I haven't been able—" Saxon (pocketing the coin): "Never thought of it from that day to—By Jove! Forgot all about it." Irish gent: "Bedad! I wish ye'd tould me that before!"—*London Punch.*

"Are there any fools in this town?" asked a stranger of a newsboy, yesterday. "I don't know," replied the boy. "Are you lonesome?"

The Journal.

FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 4. 1884.

RHODE ISLAND Republicans elected their state ticket, Wednesday, by over 6000 majority.

MINISTER SARGENT declines his appointment to the Russian mission, and will resign his post at Berlin, on account of his health.

GEN. GRANT visited the House at Washington, Wednesday, and was received with a good deal of enthusiasm, a short recess being taken to allow a general hand shaking. The General is quite lame yet, and walks with the aid of crutches.

THE prison committee of the Legislature has reported a bill requiring the county commissioners of Essex county to rebuild the jail at Salem, or build a new one, and it is thought that this may be a forerunner of a similar order in regard to the Hampden county jail.

COL. JAMES M. THOMPSON, one of Springfield's prominent and wealthy citizens, died last Sunday morning, in his 73d year. Mr. Thompson made his money in the express business, being for many years sole proprietor of Thompson's express, which in former years did business along the Boston & Albany road, while he has since been connected with the American and Adams companies. Mr. Thompson was president of the Springfield Institution for Savings, and a director in other banks, and was highly esteemed as a citizen.

OUR Legislature is proceeding with its work in a leisurely manner which indicates no particular anxiety among its members to finish up and get home, and the session seems likely to drag along for many weeks yet. Among the more important laws already enacted is the one providing for free text books in the public schools, and one imposing a fine of from $10 to $50 on anyone selling or furnishing fire-arms or other dangerous weapons to minors under 15. A law has also been enacted prohibiting the exhibition of minor or insane deformed persons, and of deformities produced by artificial means. The House has just passed a bill, which ought to become a law, to suppress the "prize package" business, one member helping on the bill by exhibiting a package of alleged coffee for which he paid $1 at a place in the city which advertised to give a valuable prize with every package. When opened, the package was found to contain a 10 cent piece.

A CINCINNATI MOB.

In the month of December, last year, a horse dealer living near Cincinnati, O., was found dead in a small stream in the suburbs of the city, with evidence which plainly showed that he had been murdered. In a short time one William Berner was arrested, and confessed to having committed the deed. His trial came off the last week in February, and in view of his frequent confessions it was deemed impossible for him to escape the rope, although but one hanging has taken place there since 1866, notwithstanding the frequent murders. Much to the surprise of all the jury brought in a verdict of manslaughter, and on last Friday he was senteuced to 20 years in the penitentiary. Much indignation was expressed, and later in the day, when the officers attempted to board the train with Berner, a rush was made for the prisoner by a large crowd that had gathered at the station. Berner, who was not handcuffed, at once rushed through the ladies' car, knocking down a woman. A man shouted: "Train robbers! Shoot him!" Four revolvers were drawn, but Berner escaped before any shots were fired.

An indignation meeting was held, and excitement ran high. At the close of the meeting a young man cried: "To the jail! Come on, follow me, and hang Berner!" But they found he was not there, having been removed. Baffled in their attempt they made up their minds to hang other murderers confined there. As the police were powerless to give any assistance, the militia was called out, and for three days the city endured a reign of terror. The troops were attacked by the mob, and fired several volleys, killing and wounding several innocent people. The jail, a $500,000 building was finally broken into and set on fire, the mob not allowing the firemen to come near the burning structure.

Much excitement prevails, and a great deal of comment is made on the method of procedure. The Cincinnati *Commercial Gazette* says in an editorial:

> The time has come for taking an account of salvage for three-days' destruction and terror. First, we have saved our jailful of murderers. We have killed 45 innocent men and wounded and maimed 145 more, all to save our jailful of murderers. We have converted a just, popular impulse against the prostration of law before crime into a war between an unorganized people, incensed to acts of blind vengeance, against the authorities who killed them to protect the murderers. The reign of law and order is restored in Cincinnati—that law and order which makes murder the safest trade, and which has made impotent the administration of law against crimes of atrocity. Is any citizen of Cincinnati content with this salvage except the jailful of murderers and the criminal class and the trade of the criminal lawyers? Is there a decent citizen who feels that these slain citizens should be infamously buried as malefactors, while the jailful of murderers are to be held innocent till after an exhaustion of all means to put witnesses out of the way and to fix juries and of every trick of law they shall have been convicted? * * * * Public sentiment, which has long been indignant at the failure of the courts to administer justice and at their degredation to the trade of the criminal lawyer, has now the addition of lasting resentment for the slaughter of innocent citizens to save a jailful of murderers.

A remarkable case of suicide was that of Delano E. Smith, a Harvard student, on last Sunday morning. While laboring under temporary mental derangement he attempted to take his life with an ordinary pocket knife, and the blade not being long or strong enough to produce a fatal wound at one stroke, he cut himself about sixty times on the breast with it.

L. R. Barnes, of Rockville, Ct., has been fined only $7 for inflicting what he called "necessary correction" upon his 10-years-old son, such as tying him to a post in the barn over night, fastening him with a padlock and chain to a cow loose in the fields, and beating him with a heavy strap until he drew blood.

THIS, THAT, AND THE OTHER.

Shear nonsense—clipping a funny item.

A little shaver—a barber of four feet and five inches.

Why is a hen with a flock of new chickens like George Washington? Because she did it with her little hatch it.

The law is now off on trout, and if the fish stories only equal those of preceding years, doubtless a good many men will be "off" on trout.

Although there isn't a sardine grown on this side of the pond, yet 4,340,000 cans of young herring were packed and sold for such last year. That's the kind of a sardine America is.

Indian doctors who repeatedly failed to cure their patients had their eyes gouged out. What a lot of sightless people would be wandering around the country if that was the proper caper now!

As we reflect on the weather of the past few days, with warmth and sunshine at night, and frost and snow in the morning, we cannot help wondering what Adam and Eve did when the temperature suddenly changed.

An exchange remarks that care will kill a cat. It may, but as a general rule a club or a couple of bricks are preferred. In case the cat recovers from this treatment the dose usually scares it away, whereas care might induce it to return. The old way must and shall be preserved.

"Never leave your clothes on a line all night," remarks the household department of an exchange. Well, yes, it's better to hang them over the back of a chair in your own room. Then if you should happen to oversleep a few hours you won't have to go shinning around the back yard in the daytime grabbing up your raiment.—*Natick Bulletin.*

The greatest snake story we have ever heard comes from Connecticut, where they would make us believe a young lady killed seven snakes while walking through the fields one day recently. Must have been a Chicago girl, who stepped on them unconsciously. We never yet saw a woman who would kill a snake if she only happened to get a glimpse of it.

"Please to remove this over-abundant collection of filaments with which I am burdened," he remarked, as he seated himself in a barber's chair. "Sir?" inquired the knight of the shears. "Relieve me of some of the superfluous growth of capillary substance upon the upper portion of my cranium," was the answer. "What will you have, sir?" queried the barber. "Ah, to be sure; I am not in Boston; well, give me a hair cut."

The Bridgeport, Ct., Salvation Army held a banquet recently over the release from jail of four members who had been sent up for parading the streets, and advertised the thing in a local paper thusly: "Salvation Army—jail-birds' banquet—will be held at their barracks, Bank street. Maj. Moore and staff from Brooklyn, together with Capts. Hunter and Howie and the four jail-birds will be present. A real Hallelujah time may be expected. Admission to banquet 25 cents, and to St. John's hall after banquet 10 cents. All night with Jesus, commencing at 11.30 p. m." Captain Dinah Johnson, who sued the chief of the New Haven police for false imprisonment, has lost her suit:

The Gloucester schooner Magic has been given up as lost, having been out five weeks on a fishing trip. She had twelve men on board. Since the August gale, seven months ago, eighteen vessels have been lost from this port with all their crews, which, together with the men lost overboard and in dories, makes the record 249 men lost, leaving behind, as near as can be ascertained, 65 widows and 134 fatherless children. This is a record heretofore unparalleled in the history of the business at this port. Four of the widows and 20 of the children are in the Provinces.

A strange scene took place recently at the Leek cemetery, in England. A man was about to be buried, when the clergyman pointed out that the feet of the corpse would not lie to the east, and refused to proceed with the ceremony. A rule was procured, and the grave was found to be just long enough the other way, and the burial was proceeded with. The clergyman showed what difficulty would be experienced on the day of resurrection if the corpse was placed in any other position than with his feet eastward.

The Springfield bicycle club has decided to have another grand tournament, probably the first week in September, to continue three or four days, with prizes aggregating $6000. It is said that the "Wheelman's Gazette" is soon to be started as a permanent publication.

The latest piece of folly is that of a Columbus, O., woman, who had a pet dog which she could not bear to think of as living after she was dead, and so poisoned him. She was then seized with remorse for the deed, took a dose herself and followed the cur.

A Pennsylvania man who was foolish enough to keep $15,000 in greenbacks in a bureau drawer, had them all gnawed to pieces by rats, and has sent half a peck of the clippings to Washington, in hopes that he may get some restitution.

A little game of draw poker at Coles Creek, Pa., on Sunday night resulted in a general fight with pistols between the four players. Two have died from wounds received, and the other two are fatally hurt.

At Meriden, Ct., last week a live woodchuck was found in a bale of pressed hay which had been shipped from the West over a week before. He showed fight as soon as released, but was quickly killed.

A Long Island miser, worth $100,000, was offered an advance of $100 for a property owned by him, and because he could not get the present tenant out he went and hanged himself.

A terrible accident occurred last Saturday morning in the explosion of a large nitro glycerine factory at Thompson's Point, N. J. Seven men were killed.

A stock company was formed at New York last week for the purpose of laying a cable from New York to the Florida coast and from there to the West Indies.

PALMER AND VICINITY.

It's a "cold day" for arbutus.

Not much base ball on Fast Day.

Snow-plows were in great demand yesterday morning.

With this issue the JOURNAL commences its thirty-fifth volume.

March came in like a lion and went out like a whole menagerie.

D. F. Holden has bought the Capen farm in Belchertown for $1155.

The Monson town report was issued from the JOURNAL job rooms this week.

The mile race at the skating rink last Saturday evening was won by Henry Loomis.

There has been a good deal of weather to the cubic inch during the past seven days.

The annual renting of the pews in St. Paul's church takes place this evening at 8 o'clock.

About 25 went from this place to Willimantic last Saturday night to see "Josh Whitcomb."

About 80 went from here to Monson by special train Wednesday evening to hear Will Carleton.

The sociable of St. Paul's parish, which was to have been held this evening, has been postponed.

The young people of the Congregational society have an entertainment at the church vestry this evening.

S. W. Lawrence is improving the external appearance of his house on Thorndike street by a coat of paint.

The familiar chug, ker chug, of the bullfrog was heard last Saturday and Tuesday, but he gave it up as a bad job.

Calvin Porter, who was injured on the New London Northern road two weeks ago, is getting along as well as could be expected.

In the supreme court John H. Shaw of Holyoke has received an absolute divorce from Cora M. Shaw of this place, for desertion.

The banks closed on Thursday, and nearly all the stores were shut in the afternoon, and everybody but the printer enjoyed a short rest.

About forty went from this place to Springfield last evening to see the play "The Rajah," returning by special car after the performance.

A five and ten cent store has been opened in the store in the west side of Strong's block by D. H. DeGray, with a large and varied assortment of goods.

The meeting of "Our Club," at Rev. Mr. Perry's last Friday evening, was the last one for this season, the organization having adjourned until next fall.

Rev. E. A. Perry preached for Rev. Mr. Mason of Springfield on Monday and Tuesday evenings of this week, there being special services this week at that church.

A carpet cleaning advertisement in another column will interest many of our citizens who have no special love for extracting the dust from carpets by hand at the annual spring house cleaning time.

Sheriff Palmer paid a visit to Monson last Friday evening and arrested and brought back George F. Shearer, an old offender, who has been wanted in Greenfield for some time on a charge of perjury.

Spaulding's Bell Ringers gave an entertainment in Wales Hall to a fair audience on Tuesday evening. While the programme was very good as a whole, it was not equal to the ones presented on former occasions.

On Wednesday a snow storm set in, and continued all Wednesday night, giving us about a foot of snow, much to the disgust of those who had planned a ball match, ride, or some other pleasure for yesterday.

The Western Union telegraph company now delivers messages free within a radius of one mile of the central office, in towns of over 5000 population. Heretofore the free belt has extended only half that distance from the office.

A. H. Willis has moved his family to Boston this week, and will occupy a house at Boston Highlands, as he finds daily trips to the Hub from this distance somewhat tiresome. S. W. French takes possession of his house on Thorndike street.

The blizzard which paid us a visit on Sunday was a surprise to all, as Saturday evening gave promise of a pleasant day on Sunday. The church-going community was somewhat affected by the cold wind, many preferring a seat by the fire to a walk in the keen air.

It is stated that J. A. Squier has offered the use of his vacant store on North Main street for a reading room, provided the citizens will furnish it. This is an offer which our people cannot afford to ignore, and we are in hopes to see a reading room established in the near future.

John A. Sullivan of Three Rivers has had an attachment for $10,000 served against Dr. Silas Ruggles of that place, in a suit for damages. The charge is one of malpractice in a case of child-birth, resulting in the death of Sullivan's wife last week. The case will be tried at Springfield in June.

The selectmen have appointed the following highway surveyors: District No. 1, Samuel Brown; No. 2, John F. Twiss; No. 3, J. D. Sawyer; No. 4, F. C. Allen; No. 5, J. R. Wellman; No. 6, Frank Miller; No. 7, George Smith; No. 8, Calvin Blodgett; No. 9, William Olney; No. 10, J. F. Kerigan; No. 11, Patrick Leary; No. 12, Samuel S. Nichols; No. 13, E. M. Bartlett.

No one should miss seeing the juvenile fancy skater, Miss Chrissie McClellan of Worcester, at the rink to-morrow. She is a fine skater, and will give an exhibition at both afternoon and evening sessions. Good music will be furnished, and a chance for all to enjoy themselves on the little rollers. There will also be an extra attraction in the shape of a race, the length of which has not yet been decided upon.

Last week some person turned the water into the pipes in the kitchen of St. Paul's church, and neglected to turn it off. The cold snap of Saturday night burst the pipe, and the water had undoubtedly been running at full head for several hours when at last it was discovered. It had run down through the floor into the parlor beneath, damaging the plastering, carpet and furniture to the amount of about $250.

It strikes us that the town has made a serious mistake in voting not to permit the use of the public sewers by private families. What are sewers for, anyway? Certainly they have an important use beyond merely conveying surface water. Do the voters of the town consider a lot of cesspools more conducive to the healthfulness of the community than to have their festering contents carried off through the sewers?

In another column will be found a list of books which have been added to the library since the catalogue was printed. The author's name and the numbers of the books are given, and patrons of the library will do well to cut the list out and preserve it for reference, as the librarians cannot hunt up books where only the name of the book is given; they say the number must be put down on the card. Copies of this list can also be procured at the library.

The community was startled Wednesday afternoon by the announcement of the sudden death of Mrs. John A. Squier, after a very brief sickness. Mrs. Squier was taken sick on the cars while returning home from the eastern part of the state last Saturday with a heart trouble, but seemed to be improving the next day. On Tuesday, however, she had a stroke of paralysis, from which she did not rally, death ensuing the following day. The funeral will be held at the house to-morrow, at 2 p. m.

On Tuesday afternoon the two little girls of Charles Holbrook, one two and the other four years old, went into the woodshed and got some papers, then got the cover off the stove and threw them in to see the blaze. They had just had a lunch, and in leaning over to watch the flames their bibs took fire, and the younger was quite severely burned before she could be rescued. The older managed to pull her bib off before reaching the sitting room where her mother was, but as it is, has a bad blister under her chin, while her sister is badly blistered on the neck and side of her face. It was a narrow escape, as if the fire had burned another moment it would probably have proved fatal to her.

At Tuesday's session of the probate court in Springfield William Holbrook was appointed administrator on the estate of Julia McGillicuddy, late of Palmer; Henry Graves on the estate of Sarah E. Graves, late of Palmer; and Edward F. Lemon on the estate of Sabra M. Lemon, late of Wilbraham. The will of Polly Fisk of Ludlow was approved, Quartus E. Fisk, executor, Margaret Kelly of Wilbraham was appointed guardian of Ferdinand, James and Edmund Kelly, and Anna M. Colton of Monson, guardian of Stephen G. Shaw of Pittsfield, Ill. William H. Smith and wife of Palmer were given leave to adopt Josephine C. Cavanaugh of Wilbraham, and change her name to Grace Elizabeth Smith. Partition of the estate of William H. Lyman, late of Wilbraham, was ordered.

The new law requiring towns to furnish school children with text books and other school supplies goes into effect next August, and will afford no little relief to parents having large families of children, and those in moderate circumstances. School committeemen are not especially delighted, however, with the prospect of the extra care and work the law will entail upon them, in providing and looking after the books. The full text of the law is as follows:

> SECTION 1. The school committee of every city and town shall purchase, at the expense of such city or town, text-books and other school supplies used in the public schools, and said text-books and supplies shall be loaned to the pupils of said public schools free of charge, subject to such rules and regulations as to care and custody as the school committee may prescribe.
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> SECTION 2. Pupils supplied with text-books at the time of the passage of this act shall not be supplied with similar books by the committee until needed.
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> SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon the first day of August, 1884.

DISTRICT COURT.

Mar. 29. Milton Jewett of Monson was before the court this morning for the larceny of goods from his employers, Rogers Bros., of that place. He plead guilty, and paid costs of court, the case being placed on file, he making an arrangement whereby his employers will receive the value of the goods taken.

31. A liquor raid was made on the Monson House at Monson, and a quantity of rum, gin, whisky and wine was found. The case will come up for trial later.

Apr. 1. The continued case of Edwin R. King, for keeping a liquor nuisance at the Nassowanno billiard rooms, was heard, and he was declared not guilty, and discharged.

Charles Edson, for contempt of court in the case of Edwin King, not guilty.

Thomas Norman came to town with quite a sum of money—so he says. He put up at one of the hotels, and proceeded to go on a regular bum. For two or three days he continued to keep soaked, and was finally found near the railroad track in a how-came-you-so? condition. He was run in, and after sobering off was assessed $1, and costs of $3.98, which he failed to pay, as some one had taken his money from him, he said, and he went up.

2. On this day that old offender, William Colgrove, was again up for indulging in the ardent. This time he got howling drunk on cider. It seems he started out on Tuesday morning for a walk, and took a tour through Palmer and Monson, finally bringing up at the house of a substantial and well-to-do farmer in the town of Brimfield. When he set out he was sober, but when arrested, he had a tin pail with some cider, and was feeling about as happy as they make 'em. A "voluntary" collection of $5.44 was taken from him, and he departed.

Apr. 4. William Mason, Jr., was before the court this morning for an unprovoked assault on W. J. Keith, and was fined $20, and costs of $7.63. An oak club about four feet long and two inches through was the weapon used, and Mr. Keith received some severe bruises.

TOWN MEETING.

The unpropitious weather of last Monday did not prevent a generous attendance at the adjourned town meeting, and the matters remaining to be disposed of received more careful and considerate attention than has usually been accorded them. In the matter of appropriations there was no display of the recklessness so frequently witnessed, and no questions were so hastily acted upon as to call for a reconsideration, or indicate a tendency to lavish or unwarranted expenditures.

The meeting occupied only about four hours, and the business transacted was as follows:

The reports of the selectmen, school committee and other town officers were accepted without opposition. A salary of $200 was voted to the tax collector, and H. A. Northrop was unanimously re-elected to that office. A discount of six per cent was voted upon all taxes paid previous to August 20. The repairing of the highways and bridges was left in the hands of the selectmen, who are to appoint surveyors to act under their directions, and one-half of the money appropriated is to be expended previous to May 15. The town voted to continue the use of the present lock-up and tramp room, and to accept the list of jurors as revised by the selectmen.

Rev. E. A. Perry, M. W. French, O. B. Smith, Capt. H. E. W. Clark and E. B. Gates were chosen a committee to consider and report at a future meeting what action the town should take in relation to a soldier's monument or memorial. Dr. William Holbrook, George C. Buell, H. E. W. Clark, F. A. Packard and C. L. Gardner were appointed to consider and report upon the expediency of building a new high school house; and Jeremiah Dutton, E. B. Gates and David Knox to arrange a settlement of the claim of Austin Woodard, Jr., of Thorndike, resulting from injuries received upon the highway in Nov. 1882.

Dr. W. H. Stowe was added to the committee on town history. It was voted not to permit the use of the public sewers by private families, and the selectmen were instructed to wholly prevent such use in future.

Stimpson's hill is to be widened and graded, and the new foundry and planing mill road in this village was duly accepted.

The laws relating to the preservation of shade trees upon our public streets were approved, and the selectmen were authorized to establish a watering trough in this village.

The auditors appointed for the current year are George C. Buell and Enos Calkins; and the treasurer received his usual authority to borrow, with the approval of the selectmen, a sum not exceeding $8000 in anticipation of the current taxes. Thanks to the timely suggestion of Mr. Hale of Thorndike, our library is to be supplied with standard works upon botany and mechanics. No action was taken regarding the election of a board of health or road commissioners, or the draining of Church and Pleasant streets, and the town voted not to dispose of any part of the land near the old meeting house at Palmer Center, but the meeting house itself was ordered to be removed within one year. The library association will hereafter report regularly to the town.

APPROPRIATIONS.

Support of poor	$ 3500.00
Contingencies	2500.00
Highways	3500.00
Bridges	1500.00
Railings	500.00
Teachers' salaries	10,000.00
Fuel	550.00
Care of houses	550.00
Repairs	500.00
Contingences (schools)	900.00
Tax collector, salary	200.00
School committees' salaries	600.00
Library	500.00
Soldiers' monument	1000.00
Decoration day	100.00
Grading Stimpson's hill	350.00
Watering trough	50.00
School books	700.00

The appropriations for contingencies, as above stated, school books and the money required for the paying of the Rogers notes (which latter amount to $2300, and represent the entire indebtedness of the town) are to be taken from funds now in the hands of the treasurer.

THORNDIKE.

Rev. Mr. Cutler will occupy the pulpit of the Congregational church next Sunday.

LUDLOW.

Instead of the usual sermon at the Methodist church on Fast Day there were short addresses by several ministers and others.

The young people of the First Congregational church are to have a sugar festival at the town hall this evening, when the drama "A Thorn Among the Roses" will be presented.

HAMPDEN.

C. S. West took possession of the stage line to East Longmeadow on Tuesday.

The Allen House has been leased by John Maden of Springfield, who will open it at once.

An exciting time is expected at next Monday's town meeting, over the liquor question, as the advocates of license are said to be doing all they possibly can to carry the day.

WEST WARREN.

The friends of Rev. F. I. Nute and wife tendered them a reception in Crossman's Hall on Tuesday evening, about 175 persons being present, of all creeds and denominations, thus uniting to honor him and express their respect and esteem. Singing, reading, and speaking occupied the first part of the evening. After an excellent supper Rev. Mr. Nute was then called to the platform and presented with a sum of money by Deacon C. P. Crossman, in behalf of his many friends. Rev. Mr. Nute responded very appropriately and feelingly. The evening passed pleasantly with social converse and games, making it the event of the season.

NORTH WILBRAHAM.

Theron Babcock has taken a position with E. B. Gates & Co.

The village schools begin Monday next with the old staff of teachers.

A warrant of 20 articles will furnish "nuts to crack" at the town meeting Monday next.

Mrs. Brigham of Boylston is visiting her brother, E. W. Wall, and parents, who reside with him.

Work was partially suspended Fast Day at the paper mill, but the grain mill being behind orders, work continued as usual.

The S. of T. division have a free temperance lecture Monday evening at the chapel by Hugh Montgomery of Norwich, prosecuting agent for that city.

Women's Society was entertained by Mrs. L. L. Bliss, assisted by Mrs. A. E. Bell and Mrs. E. H. Cutler. Owing to the storm the attendance was light.

Jas. K. Butler met with a very painful accident last Monday, while hewing out sleepers, the ax striking a sliver and glancing off, taking effect in his foot, severing the cords to the large toes. He was attended by Dr. Foster.

WALES.

It is expected that Rev. H. G. Gay will occupy his pulpit next Sunday.

John Hubbard closed out all of his livery stock Wednesday at a fair price.

A French girl about 13 years old, by the name of Sorell died in a fit this week. She had not had one before for nearly a year. She lived only a few hours.

H. A. McFarland, administrator of the estate of Adams Stewart, deceased, offers for sale his pair of dark bay ponies, a nice pair of drivers just right for livery.

J. O. Booth and F. P. Carpenter of Staffordville, the eminent elocutionists and character delineators, will give their unique and popular entertainment in the vestry of the Baptist church next Monday evening. Admission free.

WILBRAHAM.

The schools begin next Monday.

W. F. Herrick and family have come to town to stay.

The ladies' benevolent society of Grace chapel met with Mrs. L. R. Bliss on Wednesday.

Prof. W. J. Lloyd, W. M. Cassidy, T. D. Landon, W. M. Dowlin and Mr. Hoyt are directors of the Wesleyan base ball club.

Rev. M. S. Howard preached at the South church on Fast Day, this making fifteen years he has held services there on that day.

The Republican caucus last Friday evening nominated this ticket for town officers, and it will be presented to the voters at the annual town meeting next Monday: Clerk and treasurer, Charles E. Stacy; selectmen and overseers of the poor, M. F. Beebe, Henry Clark, E. H. Cutler; school committee for three years, Henry Cutler; assessors, C. E. Peck, W. F. Morgan, H. M. Bliss.

WARREN.

The town report for the past year shows the expenses to have been as follows: Contingencies, $987; town officers, $1310; commissioners' road bills, $4825; selectmen's special road bills, $788; committee's special road bills, $455; road committee bills, $69; snow bills, $75; grading high school grounds, $256; fire department, $844; hydrant, $210; police, $50; soldiers' monument fund, $500; public library, $849; abatement of taxes, $560; new almshouse, $4108; street lights, $555; cemetery, $168; state and military aid, $508; small-pox account, $52; town hall account, $635; support of poor, $1669; schools, $9482; total, $32,065. The selectmen estimate these expenses for the ensuing year: Contingencies, $1200; town officers, $1500; repairs of highways and bridges, $3000; special repairs of highways, $1000; sidewalks, $500; poor, $500; town debt, $2500; town hall debt, $2500; interest, $1090; abatement of taxes, $300; fire department, $800; cemetery, $200; street lights, $600.

MONSON.

Fast Day was a slow day for pedestrians.

Hattie R. Knight receives an absolute divorce from Marcus L. Knight for desertion.

The snow storm is too strong a rival of the robin, bluebirds and marble playing boys, and causes them to succumb.

Rev. Herbert L. Lathe of Northampton will preach in the Congregational church next Sabbath in exchange with Rev. Mr. Byington.

She said it was "Ah, Beanteons," or "Ah Beauty," although the shepherd's daughter firmly declared she had heard of R, butt us, connected with spring.

The spring term of the kindergarten school will commence Wednesday, April 9th, in the room formerly occupied by F. O. Peabody in Barton's Block.

Spaulding's Bell Ringers entertain at Central Hall next Monday evening, and they entertain all the evening, as the crowded houses which have heretofore been entertained by them do muchly testify.

F. A. Moore, for the past four years salesman in the retail bakery business, has accepted a position as traveling salesman for a wholesale cracker house in Boston, and commenced work the first of April.

Miss Lottie Stacy didn't expect the big snow storm to add much to the attractions of her new styles of millinery goods displayed at her rooms in Central Block, but the goods will add much to the attractions of the purchasers, no doubt.

The roller skating rinks were well patronized Fast Day and evening. Young and old, regardless of sex or previous condition, can enjoy the graceful and exhilarating exercise, and, as in Adam's fall, so this spring and fall is liable to call and be noticed by all—who are there to see it.

Fellowship meeting in the Congregational church next Wednesday, to begin at 10 o'clock. Collation at noon. The subjects will be: "The Suffering Savior, Our Model," and "Recent Revivals of Religion; how they may be continued." An interesting meeting is expected. All are invited.

The annual town meeting occurs on Monday next, and there are 31 articles in the warrant. The matter of choosing officers for 1, 2, and 3 years will be an innovation on the old-time custom of choosing a fresh board annually, and the friends and opponents of the measure will do well to be prompt in attendance, as it will be one of the articles to be acted upon early in the meeting.

A special train was chartered last Saturday evening to take a select party from Monson and Stafford to Willimantic to see Denman Thompson in "Josh Whitcomb." About 80 tickets were sold at this place, and two cars were filled with a jolly company. About the same number got on at Stafford, and everybody seemed to enjoy a good time, there being no rowdyism or drunkenness, which was such a disagreeable feature on a former occasion.

The fair of the Young Ladies' Working Club at the Congregational church on Tuesday evening was well patronized, and the young ladies received about $400 above all expenses. The New West Education Commission will be the recipient of this sum. The fair was admirably managed, and was free from the objectionable things which have sometimes brought such fairs into disrepute. The success was due to the great energy and industry of the young people, and the favor which they have with the community.

Notwithstanding the extremely bad weather, a full house greeted the third appearance of the popular poet, Will Carleton, at Central Hall on Wednesday evening, many coming from out of town to hear him. His lecture, "Character Sketches in Prose and Verse," was very good, and included some of his best poems, yet many who had not heard him before were much disappointed in the lecturer and his style of delivery. Having heard so much of Mr. Carleton, and hearing his poems so often, they very naturally looked forward to hearing a gifted speaker, while the fact is, that although Mr. Carleton can *write* fine poems, he cannot *deliver* them in good shape. He is no orator, and many times his style of delivery was entirely out of keeping with the piece he was rendering, while he had one gesture—the arm extended and fingers waving—which he used for everything. While all enjoyed the entertainment, there can be no doubt that Mr. Carleton's poems sound much better when read by others than himself.

WARE AND VICINITY.

The Clippers commence the season with $19 in the treasury left over from last year.

There was about fifty feet of the underpinning of the paper mill at West Ware washed away last week.

The drama "Lady of Lyons," is in rehearsal by the Ware Dramatic Club, under the direction of Wm. F. Wilson, to be presented at no distant date.

The Spaulding Bell Ringers gave their concert on last Saturday evening to a very fair audience. It is of a popular nature, and none could help enjoying it.

At a meeting of the selectmen and school committee on Monday, Henry C. Davis was chosen to fill the vacancy caused by school committeeman John W. Cummings resigning.

Philip Brennan was drowned at the Old Furnace paper mill on Tuesday morning. He with a companion was attempting to cross the river in a boat, but the current was too strong for them, and carried them over the dam. His companion escaped.

The Green Mountain Boys are to give one of their violin concerts in Firemen's Hall on next Tuesday evening. F. L. Potter, violinist, and S. D. Glazier, violoncellist, advertise to play the most difficult music, without any knowledge of notes.

There will be no services at the Unitarian church next Sunday, as the pastor is to preach at the Union church in Ludlow. The committee of the church have made an engagement with Rev. B. V. Stevenson for another year, much to the gratification of his many friends.

The skating rink which has just been built by Mr. Ed. Bigoness will be opened for the first time to the public next Thursday evening, at which time there will be fancy and trick skating by professionals, and music by the Cadet Band. Harry Prendiville, leader, with the following programme:

March,	"Hercules,"	*Beepsant*
March,	"Irma,"	*Scull*
Waltzes,	"Adelia,"	*Prendiville*
March,	"Not Guilty,"	*Boger*
Quadrille,	"The Picnic,"	*Boger*
March,	"Spanish Cavalier,"	*Prendiville*
Waltzes,	"Fantastic,"	*Zikoff*
March,	"Eslau,"	*Chambers*
March,	"Drum Major,"	*Ripley*

This rink has been put up in good shape. It is 55 by 100 feet, with skating floor 40 by 95. There is seating capacity for 450 spectators, also ticket office, cloak room, ladies' and gents' toilet rooms. The entrance to the rink will be west of Gilmore's stable, and a good walk is to be built from Main street to the entrance.

The report that "the Otis company are again reducing the wages of employes" is a misleading statement, to say the least, for the facts in the case are they had not previously completed the reductions. Again: the statement that "much dissatisfaction is felt by the employes" is, we believe, wide from the facts, except it may possibly be in a few individual cases. We think from what we can learn that the help as a mass are rejoiced that their prospects here are so much brighter than those in other manufacturing places.

There was not as large an attendance at the concert of the Ware Musical Society Thursday evening as has been at their previous concerts, but no one could be blamed for not coming out, as the traveling was simply "horrid." The Ruggles Street Church Quartette took the audience by storm, singing without the usual accompaniment, their voices blending in a harmony that could be compared to nothing better than the chords of one grand organ played by a master hand, yet the words were as distinct as though rendered by a finished elocutionist. They responded generously to the enthusiastic encores, and we think it may be truly said they are by far the best quartette that have ever sung in town. The clarionet solos by Harry Prendiville were received with great applause, and were responded to by saxophone solos. The chorus showed careful training, and the accompaniments were finely rendered by Mr. Leon Keach. With this concert, the best they have ever given, closes another successful season of the musical society, and the community are under renewed obligations to the conductor, Edward N. Anderson, for what he has accomplished in raising the standard and educating the taste for the best in the musical line.

A Cincinnati juror who offered to secure a verdict in favor of a plaintiff for a consideration, the other day, was let off for a consideration—$50 and costs.

The coroner of Chicago is breeding trouble for himself by giving the bodies of pauper suicides and the like to the medical colleges without authority.

The body of a Philadelphia butcher who disappeared about six months ago has just been found in a stream near the city, tied up in a sack.

The reduction of the revenue for three-quarters of the fiscal year now closed has been $43,860,000, as compared with the same period last year—that is a reduction of $15,557,000 in customs receipts, $20,962,000 in internal revenue receipts, and $7,250,000 in miscellaneous. There was also a reduction of $18,540,000 in expenditures. The reduction of the national debt for three-quarters of the year has been $81,840,000. It will be for the year probably over $100,000,000.

"Senator Hoar, I have a number of questions I would like to ask you as to the Presidential sentiment in Massachusetts," said a Washington correspondent one evening last week. The gentleman addressed smiled genially and replied: "Well, sir, you may put your questions, but"—very slowly and solemnly—"I—will—not—answer—one—word!"

A CARD.

We wish in this way to thank the friends who surprised us last Tuesday evening by giving us such useful presents for the family.

MR. & MRS. H. W. STIMPSON.

PALMER PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The following is the list of books which have been added to the library since the issuing of the catalogue, and its patrons will do well to preserve this list for future reference:

FICTION.

A Woman's Reason, W D Howells,	823.891
Ruth Hall, Fanny Fern,	823.836
Stephen, M. D., Miss Warner,	823.884
Beyond the Gates, E S Phelps,	823.888
Donald Grant, Geo Macdonald,	823.892
Lapsed but not Lost, Mrs Charles,	823.900
Winifred Bertram, "	823.897
Joan, the Maid,	823.895
Victory of the Vanquished, "	823.898
Note Book of the Bertram Family, "	823.901
On Both Sides of the Sea, "	823.896
Against the Stream, "	823.603
The Early Dawn, "	823.902
The Draytons and Davenants, "	823.899
Ida May, Mary Langdon,	823.885
Deed, H B Stowe,	823.907
Old House by the River, W C Prime..	823.905
Later Years, "	823.906
Typee, Herman Melville,	823.904
Cessette, Emille Sauvinhon,	843. 36
Prusius, Ernst Eckstein,	832. 39
Cape Cod Folks, S P McLean,	824.908
In the Olden Time, Anon,	823.909
But Yet a Woman, A S Hardy,	823.910
Hot Plowshares, A W Tourgee,	823.911
His Sombre Rivals, E P Roe,	823.922
My Opinion and Betsy Bobbet's, M Holly,	823.923
Josiah Allen's Wife, "	823.924
Guenn, H W Howard,	833.925
Judith, M Harland,	823.926
Nights with Uncle Remus, Harris,	290. 2

JUVENILE FICTION.

The Hoosier School Boy, Eggleston,	823.887
Donald and Dorothy, M P Dodge,	823.893
Fairy Tales, Grimm,	833. 38
Little Blind Mag, Anon,	823.889
Poor Papa, Mary M Porter,	823.890
The Ugly Duck, H C Anderson,	898. 14
Little Edie, "	898. 16
Shoes of Fortune, "	898. 17
The Story Teller, "	898. 15
Picture Book without Pictures, "	898. 18
The Boy Lollard, F A Reed,	823.927
The Story of Rolland, Baldwin,	823.921
Elsie Dinsmore, Martha Finley,	823.912
Elsie's Holydays, "	823.913
" Girlhood, "	823.914
" Womanhood, "	823.915
" Motherhood, "	823.916
" Children, "	823.917
" Widowhood, "	823.918
Grandmother Elsie, "	823.919
Elsie's New Relations, "	823.920

POETRY.

Poems of T B Aldrich,	821.61
" Mrs Sigourney,	821.58
" F G Hallock,	821.59
" Barry Cornwall,	821.55
" Mark Akenside,	821.52
" H T Tuckerman,	821.53
" Charles Sprague,	821.54
" Bulwer,	821.50
Farm Festivals, Will Carleton,	821.60
Stanzas and Sequel, Aella Greene,	821.56
Mansini, Ella Wheeler,	821.57
Festus, P J Barley,	821.51
Monta Rosa, S H Nichols,	821.49
The Earthly Paradise, Wm Morris,	821.62
The League of the Iriquois, Benj Hathaway,	821.63
The Cabinet of the Cotean, P W Norris,	821.64

HISTORY, BIOGRAPHY AND TRAVELS.

Memorial History of Boston, Justin Winsor,	974.12
History of Frederick the Great, Abbott,	923.80
Our First Century, R M Devens,	973.33
French Pictures, S G Green,	914.45
German Pictures, "	914.44
Bearing Arms in 25th Mass. Reg., W P Derby.	973.35
Annals of 10th Mass. Reg., J K Newell,	973.34
Hine and Gray, Gerrish and Hutchinson,	973.36
Truro, Cape Cod, S Rich,	974.14
Ware Illustrated, C W Eddy.	917.43
New York Illustrated,	917.44
Life of Martin Luther, Kosthlin,	922.17
Historical address on Wilbraham, R P Stebbin,	974.13
History of the Jews, W Jenks,	933. 3
Memoir of Payson,	923.81
English Travels in Italy, Moens,	914.46
Arabs and Turks, E L Clark,	953. 1
The Dawn of History, C E Keary,	901. 2
English Men of Science, F Galton,	150. 2
Life in Puget Sound, C C Leighton,	917.46
Recollections of a Drummer Boy, H Keiffer,	917.48
Walks in Rome, A J C Hall,	914.48
In the Shadow of the Pyrenees, M R Vincent,	914.47
Eighteen Christian Centuries, J White.	270. 6
Oregon, W Barrows,	977. 1
Virginia, J E Cooke,	976. 4
The Hesslans, E J Lowell,	974.37
The Golden Chersonese, J L Bird,	915.29
Barre Centennial of 1874,	974.15
Bible Lands, Van Lennep,	220. 1
The Middle Kingdom, S W Williams,	915.30
Boy Travelers in Central Africa, T W Knox,	916.13
The Wild Tribes of the Soudan, F L James,	916.14
History of King Phillip's War, Thos Church,	974.16
Huguenots in the Nipmuck Country, Daniels,	974.17
Memoir of John Williams, the Deerfield capt.,	922.18
Struggles and Triumphs, P T Barnum,	923.82
History of Slavery in Miss., G H Moore,	326. 2
History of the Indians of N. A., S G Drake,	970. 4
New England Legends and Folk Lore, "	970. 5
The Centennial Exposition, J S Ingraham,	917.45

MORAL AND RELIGIOUS.

Congregationalism, H M Dexter,	285. 1
Central Idea of Christianity, J T Peck,	230. 1
Interior of Hidden Life, Upham,	240. 1
Confuciousism, R K Douglass,	299. 3
Home Life in the Bible, Palmer,	391. 4
Jewish Artesan Life, Delitzsch,	391. 2
History of Missions, Anderson,	275. 1
The Martyr Church, Ellis,	276. 1
Sketch of the Cong. Church in Belchertown,	277. 1
M Doolittle,	277. 2
Old South Church in Boston,	240. 2
Over the River, T B Thayer,	211. 2
Philosophical Basis of Theism, S Harris,	211. 3
The Grounds of the Theistic and Christian Beliefs, Fisher,	252.11
Lamps and Paths, T T Munger,	252.11
The Freedom of Faith, "	233. 2
Scriptural Idea of Man, M Hopkins,	267. 2
History of Missions to Sandwich Islands, Anderson,	

MAGAZINES.

The Atlantic, Vols. 51 and 52,	51.15
Harper's, " 66 and 67,	51. 1
Century, Vol. 4,	51.17
St. Nicholas, " 10,	51. 3
Art Magazine, " 1,	52.12
Illustrated Exhibitor and Art Magazine,	52.13

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Sparrowgrass Papers, L S Cozzens,	820.77
Men and Events of Half a Century,	820.78
Encyclopedia Britanica, 16 Vols.	30. 4
Life of the Greeks and Romans, Guhl & Koner,	391. 3
All Around a Palette, L W Champney,	704. 2
National Hand Book, Wells,	317. 4
The Impending Crisis, Helper,	326. 1
Humor, Wit and Wisdom,	828.10
First Help in Accidents.	613. 9
Wonderful Things, E F King,	819. 7
History of Fine Arts, B J Lossing,	709. 1
Our Hotel, Sargent,	820.79
Esop's Fables,	887. 1
Great Industries of the U. S.,	338.01
Cyclopedia of Biography, Hawks,	303. 2
Fifty Law Lessons, Clark,	340. 3

Of the above, the following volumes were presented to the library, viz:

Wilbraham Centennial Celebration by Dr W H Stowe, Congregationalism by O P Allen, History of the Jews, The Central Idea of Christianity, and The Interior of Hidden Life by John Clough, The Impending Crisis by Mrs Frances Braman, Ida May, Pason, a Model Boy, by Mrs E L Paul.

The Boston *Advertiser* has perfected its canvass of the presidential preferences of leading republicans, and out of 272 letters received, 259 declare for Edmunds as a first choice, 3 for Arthur, 25 for Blaine, 3 for Gen. Sherman, 2 for John Sherman, 4 for Lincoln, 2 for Robinson and 3 for Hawley. The answers show that the prevailing sentiment of business men as well as of the strictly political class is largely in favor of Edmunds. On second choice Arthur leads with 87, Edmunds has 75, Blaine 39. For vice president, Lincoln has 259 out of a total of 291.

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At Monson, 21st ult., a daughter to EDGAR and MARY C. SQUIER.

At Monson, 30th ult., a daughter to ARTHUR D. and MARTHA ELLIS, and granddaughter to D. W. Ellis.

At West Warren, 2d, a daughter (Theda S.) to CHAS. O. and NETTIE M. WALKER.

MARRIED.

At Belchertown, 1st, by Rev. George H. Clarke of Boundsville, GEORGE W. MORGAN and MARY J. COLE, both of Belchertown.

At Boston, 20th ult., at the residence of the bride's parents, by Rev. Daniel Atkins, WARD L. PIERCE and CLARA W. ATKINS, both of Boston.

At Worcester, 3d, by Rev. M. H. Harris, OLIVE M., daughter of the late Henry D. Hatch, and F. W. SWEET of Portsmouth, N. H.

DIED.

At Palmer, 2d, MEHITABLE C., 66, wife of John A. SQUIER.

At Palmer, 12th ult., JOHN SCANLON.

At Palmer, 15th ult., SARAH E., 46, wife of Henry Graves.

At Ware, 24th ult., EMORY BALL, 66.

At Ware, 29th ult., JOHN CONEY, 74 years and 10 months.

At Three Rivers, 28th ult., ANNIE SULLIVAN, 23.

At Three Rivers, 31st ult., PHILOMINE STEBBINS, 39.

At Wilbraham, 19th ult., WILLIAM H. BURR, 72.

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At Springfield, 28th ult., NEWTON E. HITCHCOCK, 49, formerly of Ware.

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Palmer, April 4th, 1884.

NOTICE.

Having given my son, Elwin Wheeler Barney his time, I shall collect none of his wages nor pay any debts of his contracting after this date.

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On March 31st, between the house of J. D. Sawyer, Thorndike, and the town house, a pair of silver-bowed spectacles, in tin case, with my name on it. Will finder please return to me.

J. D. SAWYER, Apr. 2, 1884. 1w1* Thorndike, Mass.

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J. H. SMITH, April 3, 1884. Palmer, Mass. 4w1

NOTICE.

The Selectmen hereby give notice that they will be in session at the Town Hall, on the first Monday of every month, at which time all persons having bills against the town are required to bring them in for settlement, when all orders will be drawn, and on no other days will any orders be drawn.

D. B. BISHOP, Chairman. Palmer, April 4, 1884. 2w1

NOTICE.

The Selectmen of the town of Palmer will receive proposals for Medical and Surgical Attendance on the Poor of Palmer for the year ending March 1st, 1885, said proposals to include all the poor who may come upon the town. All proposals to be handed in on or before Monday the 14th inst. The Selectmen reserve the right to reject any or all proposals.

D. B. BISHOP, Chairman. Palmer, April 4th, 1884. 2w1

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It has been demonstrated that a Sulky can be attached to a plow and do better work, with greater ease to the team, and certainly more comfort or pleasure to the man or boy, than if he were to trudge the weary round to guide and hold his plow.

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Look at the fine CASHMERE SILK, 20 inches wide, we offer at $1.

Look at the 24-inch EXTRA CASHMERE SILK we offer at $1.50.

Both qualities would be cheap at 50c more than we ask for them.

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Look at the lot of COLORED SATINS we offer at 50c., regular $1 and $1.25 goods.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the subscriber has been duly appointed administratrix of the estate of Cornelius Kelliher, late of Palmer, in the county of Hampden, deceased; and has taken upon herself that trust by giving bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to

MARY KELLIHER, Administratrix. Palmer, March 24, 1884. 3w52

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Palmer, March 13, 1884.

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GEORGE ROBINSON. Palmer, March 14, 1884. 50tf

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Ely's Cream Balm when applied by the finger into the nostrils will be absorbed; effectually cleansing the head of catarrhal virus, causing healthy secretions. It allays inflammation, protects the membrane of the nasal passages from fresh colds, completely heals the sores and restores the senses of taste and smell. Not a LIQUID or SNUFF

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CHARLES L. GARDNER, Administrator. Palmer, March 21, 1884. 3w51

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"Where is my precious I've missed so all day?"
"Papa can't find me!" the pretty lips say.

"Dear me! I wonder where baby can be?"
Then I go by, and pretend not to see.
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Then I must peep under sofa and chairs."
The dear little rogue is now laughing outright:
Two little arms round my neck clasp me tight.
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When papa can't find you, my darling, my own.
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RURAL BREVITIES.

Don't plow heavy soils too early.
Skimming the soil is not farming.
Don't feed frozen roots to stock.
Get the tools in readiness for use.
When the soil is ready work it well.
Don't miss any instructive meetings.
Some storms yet—care for the stock.
Mind the lambs, calves and chickens.
If not done complete that farm map.
Now secure the best seeds, plants, etc.
Yes, keep adding to the compost heap.
Did you assign plots to the "childer?"
Don't smoke or light lanterns in barns.
Florida is about to begin peanut culture.
Fun and work making maple sugar now.
Level culture is becoming more general.
Not too early, or late, to paint tools, etc.
Talk and ask questions at club meetings.
Better purchase of principals than agents.
Read the seed and nursery advertisements.

To destroy canker worms rope bands are recommended.

Coal is found in thirty-one of the thirty-eight counties of Ohio.

Warm milk fed to weanlings will, it is said, tend to prevent scours.

England lately shipped 1,500 barrels of apples to the Boston market.

The cheese and butter industry of Iowa amounts to $27,000 every year.

The new, pale asparagus is not without delicacy, but it has no striking flavor.

Alabama is shown to be the leading wool growing state. Ohio comes second.

We annually export to Russia agricultural implements to the value of $15,000.

Give the pigs all the corn, or other feed, they will eat during the fattening period.

Four crops of alfalfa were cut from the Kansas agricultural grounds last season.

Extensive systems of irrigation are improving the agricultural outlook of Colorado.

A horse wearing shoes weighing sixteen pounds, in the course of a mile, lifts 24,000 lbs.

There are 15,000,000 milch cows in the United States, according to the United States *Dairyman*.

The hogs shipped abroad bring more money back to the United States than all meats put together.

Some one says that "the reason the farm don't pay is because it don't owe you anything." See?

It is as necessary that you feed and water your stock regularly, as it is that you get your meals regularly.

Cream should not be allowed to freeze if choice butter is wanted, as freezing injures the quality materially.

Rust on blackberry canes has been cured by applying a few handfuls of salt to the ground over the roots.

Nebraska furnished the largest pair of cattle on exhibition at the Kansas City fat stock show.

Soil for radishes should be somewhat sandy. Good radishes cannot be raised on very rich garden ground.

The wool growers everywhere at recent meetings have declared for a restoration of the wool tariff of 1867.

Work in the Minnesota lumber region is very dull. Wages range from $5 to $8 per month less than last year.

San Francisco speculators have secured nine-tenths of the California orange crop and cornered the market.

When the territory of the United States is as densely settled as that of France, there will be 680,000,000 people here.—*Tribune and Farmer.*

THE TRUE WOMAN.

There is, indeed, no brighter picture in life or imagination, than that of a pure, heroic woman, battling with her duties, no matter what they are, and toiling on to the boundary of this existence, to make the best of her position and gifts.

There is, too, a vast amount of undeveloped resources in woman. Her brightest side is turned to the sunshine, when perils and griefs confront her and force her to trust wholly in herself. She is strong in her weakness. Endurance, indeed, is one of the blessed traits that dignify and ennoble woman, and this she possesses to an eminent degree. She may, and often does, help the erring and sinning of her race, but she lives in a plane above them, superior to them in all that render the life and character of a woman pure and bright.

It is not material in what circle of life a true woman walks. It is all the same. She is a shining light in all circles. In the home circle her virtues shine most brilliantly, and there her ministries are most completely blessed. If she drifts into a mission of charity, her presence illumines the dark places and abodes of poverty and want.

And a woman need not fear to espouse any noble reform, if she is in earnest, and sincere. Her noblest triumphs, however, are not achieved in the field of reform, or in public charities, or in efforts to elevate the degraded. In the household her best work is done. There she is the queen. And her influence there is greater, and wider, and better than anywhere else. There she is preëminent. There her light shines with a steady brightness; and there the true woman shapes the lives and characters of the young, for glory, greatness, and virtue. —*Enrique Parmer.*

A STORY WITH A MORAL.—"Is the editor in? I want to whip him," said an applicant at the counting-room.

"Yes, sir. Up six flights; front room."

"Is there an elevator?"

"No, sir."

"Then I guess I wont go up. I don't want to meet him all tired out."

Moral—Editors should roast high.

Little Jack—"My mamma's new fan is hand-painted." Little Dick—"Pooh! who cares. Our whole fence is."—*Philadelphia Call.*

ALGIERS FROM THE SEA.

Of all the towns on the Mediterranean between Tunis and Tangier there is none so calculated to enchant the traveller upon a first view as Algiers, both on account of the beauty of its natural surroundings and the unfamiliar and striking configuration of the city itself. He has taken, let it be supposed, the usual route from the north through France, and in mid-November is flying south with the last of the long-lingered swallows: he has escaped the storms of the Gulf of Lyons; the dreaded Levanter has not necessitated a run into Barcelona, the Balearic Isles are passed just as the sun is rising and playing at bo-peep with the vast swell of the dark blue sea; when within a few hours he becomes aware of his proximity to the sun. The sea calms perceptibly, and through the fresh cool air come warm wafts from the south that do not at first seem to mingle with the common air, but wander freely and treat it as a foreign element; everything on deck becomes by degrees hot to the touch beneath the uprising sun. Suddenly, due south over the bows of the steamer, in the pale purple atmosphere, are seen two distinct rays of light broadening fan-like upwards from the steady solid line of the deep blue sea. These shafts of light that break the continuity of the horizontal ether are thrown off the white houses, domes, and minarets of Algeria: and even as the moon is fed from the exhaustless sun, so does that city, spread terrace and crescent-wise on the steep sides of its hills, borrow an ineffable splendor of light from that luminary. A little further run of the steamer and a long line of purple mountains is revealed, at first appearing as a veritable coast, so sharp is the contour and so intense the color; and then, in a moment, the city itself is seen rising in dazzling radiance above the sea, white with almost blinding intensity, and forming a picture too brilliant to be scanned with ease, if it were not for the dark blue hills and luxuriant vegetation of its immediate background and its incomparable setting of mountain and sea. As it is, colored lenses are brought into requisition by the passengers; those who were sceptical as to the phenomenal sun of Africa are gladly convinced; the Danish lieutenant forgets to abuse Bismarck, and the Polish lady, who has been relieving the tedium of the voyage by endeavoring to compel the crazy piano in the saloon to express the subtleties of Chopin's noeturnes, dons a veil of diaphanous texture; and everyone shares in that nervous excitation which the Algerian air never fails to effect in Northern temperaments. It is difficult to conceive anything more alluring, more fantastically beautiful, than the view of Algiers from the Mediterranean under such circumstances; it appears as a triangular mass of white buildings that have apparently been charged by some enemy on the hills behind, and have stayed their precipitate flight into the sea with picturesque abruptness.—*Magazine of Art.*

HAD NO BUSINESS IN EUROPE.

"Yes, sir," said the American millionaire, as he consulted the bill of fare in a Parisian cafe, "I delight in travel. When I was a boy, working for $2 a week, I used to think what a grand thing it would be if I had money and could travel all over the world. I resolved then if ever I became rich I would see the noted places of the earth. Well, I made money, and here I am at Paree on my tour of observation. When an American citizen, sir, gets the travel fever on him, his country, big as it is, is too small to hold him."

"Yees, your country is a big country," said his French acquaintance, who sat opposite to him.

"Big country," exclaimed the American, striking the table with his hand; "it is the biggest country in the world."

"I've been there," said the Frenchman: "it is full of wonderful sights, Niagara, for instance."

"Never saw it," said the American; "never could find time to visit it."

"And de Yosemite Valley," continued the Frenchman.

"Never had a chance to go there," said the American.

"And de Yellowstone Park."

"Heard lots about it, but never could find time to visit it."

"And de Mammoth Cave of Kentucky."

"Blamed if I ever thought of visiting that."

"De palisades of de Hudson."

"Whew! did intend to see them, but always had so much to look after you know, and—"

"And de scenery magnifique at de White Mountains—"

"Never could find time to take a trip up there, by gosh."

"Of course you have seen de Thousand Islands, and de rapids of de St. Lawrence, Lake George, Lake Champlain, and all dose beautiful places?"

"Never had time to visit any of those places. Always had too much business on hand."

"Why come to see de tame scenery of Europe when you havn't seen de grand scenery and de wonders of your own country?"

"Because I'm a dinged fool. I'll go right home on the next boat. A man who hasn't been any further east than Swampscott, nor any further west than North Adams, in his own country, has no business in Europe."—*Somerville Journal.*

SEALED UNTO HIM.

"I see," said Mrs. Youngwife, as she folded the newspaper and took up her sewing, "I see that the Mormons have their wives sealed unto them."

"Yes," replied her husband, looking up from his book; "that is the custom I believe, my love."

"I don't see why Somerville wives should not be sealed unto their husbands," pursued the lady, as she threaded her needle.

"In what way, dear?"

"With a seal-skin sacque, as it were," and the lady chewed her thread meditatively while the husband muttered "selah!" and pretended to be gazing at the ceiling.—*Somerville Journal.*

A story is told of a poor washwoman in Lynn who had so many children that she used them for clothes pins.

That settles it. We shall not go to San Francisco to lecture. Colonel Mapleson was arrested there for overcrowding a theatre.—*Norristown Herald.*

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By what we have mastered of good and gain,
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We hope, we aspire, we resolve, we trust,
When the morning calls us to life and light,
But our hearts grow weary, and ere the night
Our lives are trailing the sordid dust.

We hope, we resolve, we aspire, we pray,
And we think that we mount the air on wings
Beyond the call of sensual things,
While our feet still cling to the heavy clay.

Wings for angels, but feet for men!
We may borrow the wings to find the way,
We may hope, and resolve, and aspire, and pray,
But our feet must rise or we fall again.

Only in dreams is a ladder thrown
From the weary earth to the sapphire walls;
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And the sleeper wakes on his pillow of stone.

Heaven is not reached at a single bound,
But we build the ladder by which we rise
From the lowly earth to the vaulted skies,
And we mount to its summit round by round.

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PRUDENCE GRAY.

That's my name, for father said there wasn't a better bargain on the river than the Prudence, and if I was called the same he was sure there would never be a better girl.

Poor father! He was always very fond of me, and my earliest remembrances are of sitting on the tiller and having a ride, when he stood there of an evening steering the barge, with the great cinnamon-red sail filled out by the wind, and the water foaming and bubbling by us as we ran up the river toward the big city, where the ships lay close together in dock and against the wharves, emptying their loads or waiting for others before going away across the seas.

I used to think our barge, which was a very small billy-boy, if you know what that is—if you don't I must tell you that it is a barge built with rounded ends and low bulwarks, meant for carrying loads up rivers, but built also to be able to go out to sea a little while, running along the coast—I used to think our barge, I say, a very, very large ship, till I grew old enough to compare it with those that passed us going up or down the river, and then it used to seem to me that it would be wonderfully fine to go on board one of those great ships and go sailing away—far away—across the ocean, instead of just coasting along to Sheerness and up the Medway, as we used to go year after year, loaded deep down in the water with pottery or hops, or even bricks.

I can't tell you how my child-life slipped away, living with mother and father on board that barge, in a little bit of a cabin with a tiny stove; all I know is that I was very happy, and that I never hardly went ashore, and when I did I was frightened and wanted to get back; and at last I seemed to have grown all at once into a great girl, and father and I were alone.

Yes, quite alone, for mother had left us very suddenly, and we had been ashore at Sheerness, father and I, and came back from the funeral and were sitting on the cabin hatch, before I could believe it was anything but a terrible dream, and that I should not wake and find that she was alive once more, as blithe and cheery as ever, ready to take the tiller or pull at a rope, the same as I did when father wanted any help.

Father was a changed man after that, and as a couple of years slipped by the work on the barge fell more and more into my hands, and I used to smile to myself as I saw how big and red and strong they had grown. For father grew quiet and dull day by day, and used to have a stone bottle filled whenever he went ashore, and then sit with it in the cabin all alone till I called him to come and help with the sail.

Not that I wanted much help, for ours was only a small barge, and once started, with a fair wind, I could manage her well enough: while when we had to tack backwards and forwards across the river mouth, I could always lock the tiller by the rope that hung on to the belaying pin, and give it a hitch on this side or that side, till I had taken a pull at the sheet and brought the barge round on the other tack.

I must have passed half my life in those days leaning back against that tiller, with its end carved to look like a great acorn, and the name of the old barge, Prudence, cut deep in the side. There I'd stand looking out ahead as we glided along over the smooth sea, passing a buoy here and a light there, giving other barges and smacks a wide berth, and listening to the strange squealing noise of the gulls as they wheeled and hovered and swept by me, so closely sometimes that I could almost have touched them with my hand.

Our barge was well known all about the mouth of the river and far up beyond the bridge; and somehow, I don't know how it was, the men on the different boats we passed had always a kind hail or a wave of the hand for us, as we glided by, if we were too far off for the friendly shout to reach us.

Sometimes I'd run the barge pretty close to the great ships and steamers, inward or outward bound, so as to look at the ladies I saw on board; not that I cared to do so very often, because it seemed to make me sad, for the faces I looked on seemed to be so different from mine that I felt as if I was another kind of being, and it used to set me wondering and make me think; and at such times I've leaned against the tiller and dreamed and dreamed in a waking fashion of how I would like to read and write and work, as I had seen ladies sitting and reading and working, on the decks of the big ships, under the awning; and then I had to set my dreams aside and have a pull at the sheet or take a reef in the sail, because the wind freshened, and my dreams all passed away.

I don't think poor father meant it unkindly, but he seemed to grow more and more broken and helpless every day; and this frightened me, and made me work to keep the barge clean and ship-shape, lest the owners should come on board and see things slovenly, and find fault with him and dismiss him, and that I knew would break his heart. So I worked on, and in a dull, heavy way father used to thank me; and the time glided on, till one day, as we were lying off Southend, with the sea glassy and not wind enough to fill the sails, I felt my cheeks begin to burn as I leaned back against the tiller, and would not turn my head, because I could hear a boat being sculled along toward us, and I knew it was coming from the great leeboard barge lying astern.

"He's coming to see father," I said to myself at last in a choking voice; and as a hail came I was obliged to turn, and there stood up in the little boat he was sculling with an oar over the stern, John Grove, in his dark trousers, blue Jersey and scarlet cap; and as I saw his sunburnt face and brown arms and hands I felt my heart beating fast, and knew he was not coming to see father, but to see me.

We had hardly ever spoken, but I had known John Grove for years now, and we had nodded and waved hands to one another often and often as we had passed up and down the river.

"Heave us a rope, my lass," he said as he came close in; and I did it dreamily, and as soon as I had done so I began to pull it back, but it was too late; he had hitched it around the thwart of his boat, and was up and over the side before I could stir; and then he stood looking down upon me, while I felt sometimes hot and sometimes cold, and as if I could not speak.

"Do you want to see father?" I said at last.

"No, my lass," he said, quietly, "I want to see you."

"Me!" I faltered, with my face burning.

"Yes, you, my lass," he said; and his handsome brown face lit up, and he looked so manly as he laid his hand on my arm.

"Prudence, my gal," he said, "we're both young yet, for I'm not six and twenty, but I thought it was time I spoke to you."

"Spoke to me?" I said with my face burning still.

"Yes, my lass, spoke to you, for we've been courting now a matter of four years."

"Oh, John," I cried, bursting out laughing and feeling more at my ease," why, we have hardly spoken to one another."

"That's nice," he said, drawing a long breath. "Over again?"

"Over again? What?" I said.

"Call me John," he replied.

"Well, then, John," I cried hastily.

"That's right, Prudence; but as I was going to say, not spoken to one another! Well, how could we, always taking our turn at the tiller as we were? But all the same my lass, I've always been courting of you, night and day, these four years, and looking out and longing for the time when the Prudence would come in sight and I could give you a hail and get a wave of the hand back."

I could feel the color coming into my cheeks again as I heard him speak, and knew how anxiously I had looked out for his barge coming up or down the river; and then I began wondering what it all meant, and soon knew.

"Prudence, my lass," he said, "I've saved ten dollars, all my own, and our owner has just given me the command of a new barge, with as pretty a cabin in as you'd wish to see; and so, my lass, I thought I'd ask you if so be as now we've been courting four years, you wouldn't come to me and be my wife."

"No!" I said, "no," and shook my head. "I belong to father, and I could never leave him—never."

"But you'll have to some day, Prudence," he said, looking dreadfully down-hearted and miserable.

"No," I said, "I shall never leave him; he wants me more and more every day, and I must stay."

"Prudence," he said sharply, "you ain't playing with me, are you?"

"Playing with you?"

"Yes; I mean you ain't going to take up with any one else, and go aboard any other barge—no, no," he cried, "I won't be so mean as to ask you that. But, Prudence, dear, some day you may have to leave him, and when you do, will you please recollect as John Grove loves you better than aught else in the wide world, and is waiting for you to come?"

"Yes, John," I said simply.

"You mean it, Prudence?" he cried in delight, as he caught my hand.

"Yes, John; I don't know anybody else, and there's no one as cares for me."

"Hundreds on the river," he said sharply.

"Then I don't care for them, John," I said simply; "and if you like me, and I ever do—leave—oh, dear! what am I saying?"

I sat down on a fender and covered my face with my coarse, red hands, and began to cry; but he took my hands down, and looked long and lovingly in my face, with his great honest brown eyes; and then he couldn't speak, but seemed to choke. At last he gasped out:

"Thanky, Prudence, thanky. I'm going away now to wait, for you'll come to me some day, I know."

I didn't answer him.

"For the time may come, my lass when you'll be all alone in the world; and when it does come, there's the cabin of the Betsy Ann, clean painted up, and waiting for you just as her master's awaiting too."

He went quietly over the side and cast off the rope, and was gone before I knew it; and I sat there in the calm afternoon and evening, sometimes crying, sometimes feeling hopeful, and with a sense of joy at my heart such as I never had felt before.

And so that evening deepened into night, with the barge a quarter of a mile astern of us, and no wind coming, only the tide to help us on our way.

It must have been about ten o'clock at night, when I was forward seeing to the light hoisted up to keep anything from running into us, when I heard father come stumbling up from the cabin, and make as if to come forward to me.

"Prue," he cried, "Prue!"

"Yes, father, coming," I said; and then I uttered a wild shriek, and rushed towards where the boat hung astern by her painter, hauled her up and climbed in; for no sooner had I answered than I heard a cry and a heavy splash, and I knew father had gone overboard.

I was in the boat in a moment, and had the scull over the stern, paddling away in the direction that the cry had come from; but, though I fancied in those horrible minutes that I saw a hand stretched out of the water, asking as it were for help. I paddled and sculled about till I was far from our barge, and then sank down worn out to utter a moan of horror, and sob, "Oh father! what shall I do?"

"Is that you, Prudence?" said a voice.

"Yes, John, yes," I cried, looking out through the darkness, out of which a boat seemed to steal till it was alongside, when John stretched out his hand and took mine.

"Quick!" I gasped, "save him John—father—gone overboard!"

"When you shrieked out, Prue?"

"Yes, yes," I wailed; "oh, save him! save him!"

"My poor lass," he said, "that's a good quarter of an hour ago, and the tide's running strong. I've been paddling about ever since, trying to find you, for I went up to the barge and you were gone."

"But father," I wailed, "father—save him!"

"My poor little lass," he said tenderly, "I'd jump into the water now if you bid me, but what can I do, you know, Prudence, what can I do?"

I did not answer, for I did know that he must have been swept far away before then; and I was beginning to feel that I was alone—quite alone in the world.

It was quite six months after that dreadful night that one evening John came ashore from his barge to the cottage, where I was staying with his mother and had been ever since he had brought me there, without seeing him to speak to only to wave my hand to him as he sailed by. That evening he came and looked wistfully at me and said but little, and at last his time was up and he rose to go.

I walked down to his boat with him, and on the way he told me that he had got leave to alter the name of his barge, and it was called the Prudence, too; and then without a word about the past, he was saying goodbye, when I put my hands in his and said quietly:

"John, dear, I haven't forgot my promise."

"And you are alone now, Prudence, my lass," he cried, eagerly.

"No, John, no," I said softly, as the tears ran down my cheeks; "I never shall be while you live."

"Never, my lass, never," he cried, "and you'll be my little wife?"

"Yes, John, yes. I promised you."

"When I come back from this voyage?"

"Yes, John, when you will," I said, and with one long hand pressure we parted, and I went back to wait another month, and then I was his happy little wife.

And there seemed no change, for I was once more on the river or out at sea, leaning upon the tiller and gazing straight before me, with the gulls wailing as they wheeled and dipped and skimmed or settled upon the water: while the soft wind gently stirred the print-hood that was lightly tied over my wind-ruffled hair. Only a bargeman's young wife living on the tide, but very happy; for John often points to the great ships that pass us, with their captains in gold laced caps, and as he does so he whispers:

"Not with the best among them, Prue, not with the best; I wouldn't even change places with a king."

And if he is as happy as I, dear John is right.—*Cassell's Magazine.*

A GOOD CONFESSION.

Several years ago, in a western town, a young lawyer, a member of a large church, got drunk.

The brethren said he must confess. He knew the members to be good people, but they had their little failings and faults, such as driving sharp bargains, screwing the laborer down to low wages, loaning money at illegal interest, misrepresenting articles they had for sale, etc.

But they were good people, and pressed the lawyer to come before the meeting and own up his sin of taking a glass too much, for they were temperance people and abhorred intemperance.

The sinner went to confession, found a large gathering of brethren and sisters, whose bowed heads rose and whose eyes glistened with pure delight as the lawyer began his confession.

"I confess," he said, "that I never took 10 per cent for money."

On that confession down went a brother's head with a groan.

"I never turned a poor man from my door who needed food or shelter."

Down went another head.

"I confess I never sold a skim-milk cheese for a new one."

Whereupon a woman shrieked for mercy.

"I confess that I have not been pharisaical and self-righteous, and have not sought to injure or persecute those who have not happened to agree with me."

When down popped numerous heads.

"I confess that I never played the hypocrite, and that I do not lie, and that I have not used religion as a cloak."

When down went several heads, and among them the heads of the very ones who had been so anxious that he should confess.

"But," concluded the sinner, "I have been drunk, and am very sorry for it."

Whereupon the meeting quickly and quietly dispersed.

By the Fire.

She sat and mused by the drift-wood fire,
As the leaping flames flashed higher and higher,
And the phantoms of youth, as fair and bright,
Grew for her gaze in the ruddy light,
The blossoms she gathered in life's young days
Wreathed and waved in the flickering blaze;
And she laughed through a sunny mist of tears
That rose at the dream of her April years;
And ever and aye the sudden rain
Flashed on the glittering window-pane.

Sobered and saddened the pictures that showed
As the drift-wood logs to a red core glowed,
And the fancied figures of olden time
Passed with the steadied step of their prime;
The daisies and snow-drops bloomed and died,
Red roses and lilies stood side by side,
While richer and fuller and deeper grew
The lines of the picture August drew;
And ever and aye the falling rain
Streamed thick and fast on the window-pane.

The drift-wood died down into feathery ash,
Where faintly and ittfully shone the flash;
Slowly and sadly her pulses beat,
And soft was the fall, as of vanishing feet;
And lush and green as from guarded grave
She saw the grass of the valley wave;
And like echos in ruins seemed to sigh,
The "wet west wind" that went wandering by,
And caught the sweep of the sullen rain,
And dashed it against the window-pane.

—*All the Year Round.*

SLEEPING AND EATING.

When people sit up late at night, particularly if they are delicate, they should eat something, if only a slice of bread and butter, before retiring. This seems heretical, but is not. Animals, after eating, instinctively sleep. Human beings become drowsy after a full meal. Why? Because blood is solicited toward the stomach to supply the juices needed in digestion. Hence the brain receives less blood than during fasting, becomes pale and the powers grow dormant. Sleep therefore ensues. This is physiological. The sinking sensation in sleeplessness is a call for food. Wakefulness often is merely a symptom of hunger. Gratify the desire, and you fall asleep. The feeble will be stronger at dawn if they eat on going to bed. Fourteen hours lie between supper and breakfast. By that time the fuel of the body has become expended. Consequently the morning toilet fatigues many. Let such eat at bedtime, and take a glass of warm milk or beef tea before rising. Increased vigor will result. "But the stomach must rest." True. Yet when hungry we must eat. Does the infant's stomach rest as long as an adult's? The latter eats less often merely because his food requires more digestion. Seldom can one remain awake until 10.30 or 11 o'clock without hunger. Satisfy it and sleep will be sounder. During the night give wakeful children food. Sleep will follow. The sick should invariably eat during the night. This is imperative. At night the delicate and children may take, slowly, warm milk, beef tea or oatmeal gruel. Vigorous adults may also eat bread and milk, cold beef, mutton, chicken and bread, raw oysters, all, of course, in moderation. Do not eat if not hungry. Eat if you are.—*Boor-Bells.*

AN EDITOR'S FREE PASS.

Up to 1860 the writer had always paid fare on railroads, and probably had expended as much as seven dollars, all told, in riding from one place to another on the horse cars, and he never missed the money, feeling that it was the duty of every citizen to support the great highways of commerce. In an evil hour we became interested in a newspaper in Jefferson, and one day there came in the mail a pass on the North Western railroad. It was a great event in the history of that road.

After the recipient of the pass had recovered from his astonishment, and had begun to realize that he was entitled to a ride free between Jefferson and Chicago, and had showed the pass to nearly all of the populace who were at the post-office waiting for the mail to be distributed, he began to inquire of the depot agent what time the first train passed going either way. It did not make much difference to the editor which way the train was going, as long as it went.

It was found that a freight train would go along in about five hours, bound south, and the holder of the new pass was compelled to put in those five hours waiting for the train. It seemed a month, and the pass seemed to burn a hole in his pocket, and it was taken out a dozen times to cool off, and show to various persons who had heard of its arrival, and had come down to see it.

Finally, the train pulled up to the depot, and the editor took his seat in the caboose, and it seemed as though the people on the door-steps were talking over the new era in railroading. It seemed as though the train never would start, and after it had started it seemed as though the conductor never would come through to look at the pass. A lady had a crying baby, and the editor in his kind-heartedness attempted to quiet the baby by showing it the pass, and was nearly paralyzed when the child put a corner of it in its mouth and began to chew it. By prompt measures of choking the infant the pass was recovered, and the conductor came along, and the editor handed up his pass with an air of one who always rode on a pass. The conductor looked at the date and it did not take effect until the next day. He said the editor would have to put up 20 cents, the fare between Jefferson and Fort Atkinson. It was cruel, but no argument would convince that freight conductor that the pass ought to be good until the next day, and it was necessary to pay 40 cents good money for a ride down and back; but this was not all. No train was going north that night, and ye editor was obliged to spend the night in a hotel or walk home. We walked.—*Milwaukee Sun.*

Now is the time that a man resolves, before going to bed, that he will get up bright and early in the morning, and put all those seeds in before breakfast. Then he goes to bed, gets up in the morning just in time to swallow a cup of coffee, kiss wife and children, and leave minute instructions for his wife to have all those seeds put in before he comes home at night.

SHE RELENTED.

"No, Harry, I'm not going to take my shoes off."

"You'd better, dearest."

"No, I shan't. Just as like as not the train will run off the track. What a place this is for a lady to sleep in! Catch me taking off my shoes or anything else this night. Why, anybody can come along here and pull those curtains right back."

"Why, my dear, it is just as private here as in your own room. No one disturbs any one else on a sleeper. You know I traveled a good deal before we were married. Now, come, pet, let me untie your shoes for you?"

"You shan't, Harry. I tell you I won't take my shoes off, and I wont, so there! I am going to sit up here and lean against this pillow and look out of the window all night, and I'll be already dressed in the morning. You can sleep down there if you want to."

He argued, reasoned, entreated and commanded, but the six-hour bride remained firm, and it was evident that a dark cloud was on the face of the young honeymoon.

The last thing we heard before going to sleep was the beginning of what he said was his last appeal. We didn't hear the end of it, but woke next morning and found all quiet in the next berth. All the other passengers were soon up, and the porters had their beds metamorphosed into seats, but still the bridal couple slept. Finally they were aroused by the conductor, and after forty minutes of floundering in the lower bunk, and frequent inquiries for sundry missing articles, conspicuous among which was "my other shoe," there appeared a plump little woman with frowsy hair and a pair of pretty blushes, which deepened and widened surprisingly when she met the gaze of her fellow-passengers. It was apparent that she had at last relented.—*Chicago Herald.*

WOMAN'S CAPABILITIES.

She can say "No" and stick to it for a time.

She can also say "No" in such a low, soft voice that it means "Yes."

She can sharpen a lead-pencil if you give her plenty of time and plenty of pencils.

She can pass a display window of a dry goods store without stopping—if she is running to catch the train.

She can dance all night in a pair of shoes two sizes too small for her and enjoy every minute of the time.

She can appreciate a kiss from her husband seventy-five years after the marriage ceremony has been performed.

She can walk half the night with a colicky baby in her arms without once expressing a desire to murder the infant.

She can suffer abuse and neglect for years which one touch of kindness or consideration will drive from her recollection.

She can go to church and afterwards tell you what every woman in the congregation had on, and in some rare instances can give you a faint idea of what the text was.

She can go to the theatre every evening and the matinee on Wednesday and Saturday, and still possess sufficient strength to attend a Sunday night sacred concert.

She can—but what's the use? A woman can do anything or everything, and do it well. She can do more in a minute than a man can do in an hour, and do it better. She can make the alleged lords of creation bow down to her own sweet will and they will never know it.

COPPER ROOFING.

The *Scientific American* mentions the decline in the price of copper as likely to lead to the increased use of that metal for building. At present the material for a copper roof costs at the outset only about twice as much as tin, and, as the latter must be repaired and painted about once in three years and in 15 or 20 years be renewed altogether, the copper, which never needs painting and is practically indestructible, is much the cheaper material in the end. There are in Boston many copper roofs, put on about 40 years ago, which show no signs of deterioration; and the metal is still much employed in that city for cornices, gutters and rain-water pipes, as well as for covering bay-windows, and in many other ways, in place of galvanized iron which is much inferior in beauty and durability, and not very much cheaper. The copper has the additional advantage of needing no paint, so that the delicate lines of artistic work are in no danger of being filled up, and the metal increases rather than diminishes in beauty, by the slow formation of the blueish-green patiga over it. For flashings, as well as other portions of roof-work, copper is much superior to zinc or tin, and with the aid of a certain amount of lead the most difficult problem in roofing can be successfully and permanently solved. —*American Architect.*

SHORTENING A SENTENCE.

Eminent Statesmen—"Yes, but I am out of politics forever."

Worker—"Bill says you can easily get a portion of the delegates."

"Yes, but I'm out of politics."

"Jim says he will turn in his votes for you."

"Yes, but I am out of—"

"Mike estimates that you can get half."

"Yes, but I am out—"

"More than that."

"Yes, but I am—"

"Over half."

"Yes, but I—"

"Jake offers his votes."

"Yes, but—"

"And I will give you mine. That makes your nomination sure. Will you accept?"

"Yes."—*Philadelphia Call.*

Two little children went to church alone in Westfield. They became tired during the long sermon, and the older one, supposing that school rules held good in churches, led his sister up in front of the preacher and said: "Please, sir, may we go home?" He said "Yes," and they soberly walked out.

The Journal.

FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 11, 1884.

OUR present Legislature manifests quite a disposition to depart from the strict ways of their fathers, its last step in this direction being the passage of a bill providing that disbelief in the existence of God shall not, as it does now, discredit the testimony of a witness.

ANOTHER bank at St. Albans, Vt.—the First National—has gone up, in consequence of stock speculation by its officers, and that town is now without a bank of any kind. It would seem to be a good time to start a new one, to be managed on business principles, in the interests of its stockholders, instead of as a cat's paw for its officers.

THE "blarsted Britisher" may not have any too much love for Uncle Sam, but he has a deep regard for our land, immense tracts of which have passed into the hands of Englishmen and other foreign capitalists. The holdings range from 5000 to 4,500,000 acres, while the whole number of acres owned by European subjects amounts to 20,941,000. This is more than half enough to make another country as large as England.

MASSACHUSETTS has now a rare opportunity to secure an authentic map of the state—which it has never had—by coöperating with the United States geological survey, the government standing ready to perform all the work of making an accurate survey under the direction of a state commission, if the state will pay half the expense. The Legislature will be penny wise and pound foolish if it fails to appropriate the $40,000 or more necessary to push the thing through.

AN important forestry bill has been introduced in the Senate at Washington by Senator Edmunds, who proposes to set apart a tract of some 7000 acres of land in Montana, as a perpetual forest reservation, for the protection of the head-waters of the Missouri and Columbia rivers. As that region has not been invaded by settlers yet, there are no private interests to stand in the way of a speedy adoption of the bill, and it is hoped that Congress will be wise enough to pass it during the present session.

THE Blair education bill has passed the Senate, with Senator Hoar's amendment making the appropriation the first year $7,000,000, the second $10,000,000 and the third $15,000,000, after which the amount is reduced $2,000,000 per annum until the eighth year. The money is to go to the common schools, and the negroes are to enjoy its benefits as well as the whites. This is the first attempt made by the government to educate the ignorant blacks, and if the bill passes the House, as it should, it will mark the beginning of a new era in the history of the freedmen, whose ignorance has kept them these many years from reaping the substantial benefits of their freedom.

THIS, THAT, AND THE OTHER.

A regular jaw breaker—a dentist.

Fashionable young ladies are like great actors—they never play without notes.

"I'm just aching to get out," the decayed tooth remarked. "That's tooth in," replied the victim.

A telephone fellow is the most impolite one we know of. He always says "hello" when speaking to any one.

"There will be three women to one man in Heaven," asserts Mary Ellen Chase. We pity that one man, Mary, from the bottom of our heart.

"I have been attacked," the urchin said when his teacher asked what made him rise so suddenly, "and all the forces were concentrated at one point."

"Quite nipping weather, this," remarked Jones on a cool morning. "Thank you; don't care if I do," replied Brown, whereupon Jones shouted, and they smiled pleasantly together.

"What do we eat and drink?" was the question propounded by a Bostou clergyman last Sunday. Tell us whether you went to the United States or hung around a free lunch counter, and then we'll answer.

A Waltham girl who has an electric light man for a beau, thinks he is just splendid at sparking.—*Waltham Record.*

Should think he'd be apt to go out suddenly, once in a while, if the circuit didn't work right.

There will be an unusually large attendance of women at church next Sunday, but the sermon won't do one of them a particle of good, while three-fourths of them will be green with rage because the other fourth beat them all to pieces on new bonnets.

The most egotistical of the United States—"Me."—*Lowell Courier.*

The most religious — "Mass." — *The Hatchet.*

The poorest in health—"Ill."—*Pretzel's Weekly.*

The father of states—"Pa." An ungrammatical state—"R. I.?" Marine territory—"Utah."—*Commercial Bulletin.*

The state that isn't as poor as her name implies—"Iowa." She doesn't owe a dollar. Old maids—Miss-ouri and Miss-issippi.—*Worcester West Chronicle.*

One which ought not to be affected by a flood—Ark. Masculine states—Cal. and Conn. Feminine states—Minn. and Del.

The position in which a postage stamp is placed on an envelope may not convey any special meaning to most people; but to some it speaks volumes. These are the most important meanings conveyed:

On the upper right hand corner means that you will be blessed by the postmaster.

On the upper left hand corner — a little "off."

On the lower left hand corner—will make the postmaster swear.

On the lower right hand corner—spread the address all over the top and consequently no room.

Upside down on the upper right hand corner—too many gauges.

On the back—decidedly drunk.

Masked men went to the house of an old man at Rising Sun, Ind., last Friday night, for some money he was supposed to have. Failing to find it they lighted a fire and swung the old man over it until insensible, in an endeavor to make him give up the money, and when he regained consciousness, repeated the operation. He was found the next morning horribly beaten and burned.

LOCAL NOTICES.

New Goods at Hitchcock's. See inside adv.

A clock with blacking at Milligan's Shoe Store.

PALMER AND VICINITY.

'Most time for shad.

Put up your awnings.

Are your peas up yet?

Burn up all the old rubbish.

This is the last week of Lent.

Next Sunday will be Easter Sunday.

Get your garden tools in shape for use.

Good weather and good roads for bicycling.

The high school will commence again on Monday.

Tuesday was pay day with the B. & A. employes.

Business at the district court has been dull this week.

Judge Robinson has bought a tract of 100 building lots in Springfield.

Mrs. Sarah Wallace is building a house on her vacant lot on Pine street.

Howorth's Hibernica is booked for Wales Hall on the evening of the 23d.

Easter concert by the Congregational Sunday school next Sunday evening.

Presiding Elder N. Fellows will preach at the Four Corners next Sunday at 1 p. m.

D. W. Taft of Thorndike is building a dwelling house on the south side of Pine street.

The stage driver reported two inches of snow in Wales and Brimfield yesterday morning.

There will be appropriate Easter services at the Baptist church at the usual hour Sunday morning.

A Republican caucus was called for Wednesday evening, but we cannot learn that one was held.

The first arbutus of the season was brought to us on Tuesday by A. M. Burleigh of Silver Street.

St. Paul's Sunday school, assisted by the choir, will give an Easter concert in the church next Sunday evening.

Workmen have been putting new timbers and planking on the Main street bridge over the B. & A. railroad this week.

S. H. Hellyar & Co. have out a new cloth awning, to take the place of the wooden one which was removed last fall.

Geo. D. Keith of Thorndike, formerly of this place, has made an assignment to S. S. Taft, for the benefit of his creditors.

The choir of St. Thomas' church are rehearsing a new mass which they will sing at the Easter services next Sunday morning.

G. W. Aspinwall is to sell some carriages, harnesses, two horses, robes, etc., at his barn on Pleasant street next Tuesday forenoon.

The entertainment of the "Peake Sisters" at the Congregational vestry last Friday evening was very good, and all present enjoyed a good time.

Bridget Rourke has caused an attachment of $700 to be served on A. V. Blanchard of this place, in an action of contract. The case will come up in June.

There was a very pleasant social at the parlors of the Universalist church Wednesday evening, with an entertainment consisting of readings, a pantomime, etc.

It is said that dining cars are soon to be put on the trains arriving at this place at 1.29 and 6.37 p. m. from Boston, and at 3.32 and 8.29 p. m. from New York.

Subscribers to the Wire Goods Co. building fund are requested to pay their subscriptions as soon as practicable to L. E. Moore, at the Palmer Saving Bank.

It is about time for the Sportsmen's Club to commence shooting for the Woolrich badge. There are several who express a determination to win it this season.

Quite a large square of plastering in the vestry of the Congregational church fell last Sunday evening during the services, causing some little excitement for the time being.

We are always glad to have our subscribers express their opinions in communications, but the name of the author must accompany each article, to save us from imposition.

The morning service at St. Paul's church next Sabbath will be a memorial of those who have died during the pastorate of Rev. Mr. Perry. The church will be appropriately decorated.

At the sale of pews in St. Paul's church last Friday evening, nearly every seat in the body of the church was taken, and the premiums bid amounted to about $200 more than last year.

The selectmen give notice in another column that all applications for licenses must be handed in on or before next Tuesday, as no notice will be taken of applications received after that date.

The parishioners and friends of Rev. O. R. Hunt propose to make him a donation visit next Tuesday evening; but we won't say anything about it, for of course they want to make a perfect surprise party of it.

The district court was occupied all day Monday with the inquest in the case of the death of Abbie Sullivan of Three Rivers, and finally came to the conclusion that the primary cause of her death was hemorrhage, hastened by a severe shock to the nervous system.

The Baptist society made choice of these officers for the ensuing year, at its annual meeting on Monday evening: Assessors, Enos Calkins, Lyman Dimock, Chas. B. Fisk; clerk, C. B. Fisk; treasurer and collector, F. L. Brooks; ushers, F. L. Brooks, G. H. Justin, Cambridge Moulton.

It is reported that a certain party in this village who will apply for a license this year offered one of our landlords $100 more rent for a business place than he was receiving, and the consequence is that the present occupant will pay just that amount more rent this year than he did last.

The latest industry of the village, the Betts Ready-made Wire Fence Co., is doing a rushing business, and bids fair to become a permanent fixture of the place. Although the factory has been running less than four weeks, they have made and shipped over 2000 rods of fence, and although running to their full capacity, are unable to keep up with their orders.

The presiding elder of the Springfield district of M. E. churches is N. Fellows, and these appointments have been made: Belchertown, A. W. Blandford; Hampden, H. C. Jones; Three Rivers is to be supplied, and Rev. Mr. Atkins goes to Ludlow; Monson, A. Dwight; Rev. E. S. Best, now of Monson, goes to South Hadley Falls; Wales is to be supplied; Ware, H. Mothcross; Warren, T. Richardson; West Warren, W. H. Adams; Wilbraham, G. W. Mansfield.

There was a bad smash-up on the N. L. N. road near Amherst, last Saturday morning. An extra freight was standing on the main track, when another extra from Miller's Falls, consisting of 23 cars of copper ore, came down upon them. All that was possible was done to stop the train, but owing to a scarcity of brakemen it could not be done, and the engineer and fireman, John Hathaway and George Webb, jumped, getting off without being seriously hurt. Ten cars and a caboose were smashed, and the engine "Montville" considerably damaged. The passengers on the train arriving here at 1 o'clock were obliged to make a transfer around the wreck, and also those on the afternoon train going north.

THE RINK.

A fair-sized audience was present at the rink last Saturday afternoon and evening to see the exhibition given by the 12-years-old miss, Chrissie McClellan of Worcester. She made her appearance about four o'clock and gave a very good exhibition for one of her years. In the evening a larger number were present, and a much better exhibition was given, all being pleased with the movements of the little lady. The Palmer band furnished good music.

For to-morrow evening the attraction will be Profs. Allison and O'Rourke of Boston, the champion fancy and trick skaters. These gentlemen are well known throughout the country, and give an exhibition which is second to none. They draw crowded houses wherever they appear, and will be well worth seeing.

Manager Baker is doing his best to make the rink attractive, and certainly deserves success and a good patronage from our citizens. No one is allowed in the rink who does not behave in a suitable manner, or who is under the influence of liquor, and all may be assured of a good company at all times.

PALMER CENTER.

Miss Weld has returned to Warren where she is engaged in teaching.

E. Harvey has purchased the homestead of the late Samuel Shaw and taken possession.

LUDLOW.

The schools begin again next week.

The mother of James White was thrown from the carriage last Sunday morning while returning from church, and run over by the wheel, but not seriously injured.

INDIAN ORCHARD.

The depot of the Athol branch of the B. & A. railroad was broken into last Friday evening, and a quantity of tickets and about $4 in money stolen. The thief broke a pane of glass in a window, then reached in and removed the fastening.

WALES.

E. Shaw has returned from his trip to the South.

E. D. Shaw, woolen manufacturer, has failed, with liabilities of $24,000. The assets are reported small.

These officers direct the affairs of the town for the next year: Selectmen and overseers of the poor, A. B. Johnson, F. A. Royce and Nathan Green; assessors, O. P. Royce, Zeno Farrington and F. S. Gardner; school committee for three years, Dr. H. McFarland. Appropriations: Schools, $1029, highways and bridges $800, poor $700, town officers $300.

WEST WARREN.

The Congregational society hold their annual meeting next Tuesday evening.

A drama will be given in Crossman's Hall next Tuesday evening, by the S. of T.

No license! Now it remains to be seen whether the 16 or 17 rumshops of the village will decrease.

Rev. Daniel Philipps, principal of the high school in Chelmsford, occupied the pulpit of the Congregational church Sunday March 30th, and Mr. Jones of the junior class, Amherst, April 6th; there being no services at the Methodist church in the morning, on account of conference, many of them attended the Congregational.

BRIMFIELD.

Town officers elected April 7th, 1884: Clerk and treasurer, Henry F. Brown; selectmen, Moses H. Baker, Frank K. Newton, John C. Spring; assessors, Samuel W. Brown, John Shanley, Jona P. Webber; school committee for 3 years, Thomas J. Morgan, for 2 years, Louis S. Brown; road commissioner for 3 years, John C. Spring; overseer of poor for 3 years, Porter A. Parker; collector, Jonathan P. Webber; constables, Francis E. Cook, Needham Moulton; library director for 3 years, Samuel W. Brown; fence viewers, Thomas J. Morgan, Moses H. Baker, Samuel W. Brown; surveyors of wood and lumber, C. S. Tarbell, N. S. Powers, D. Winslow Fosket, T. J. Morgan, Edwin A. Janes; field drivers, Jonathan P. W. Webber, Orestus A. Blushfield, Orrin Hicks, George B. Brown; Cheson B. Moulton. Appropriations: For schools, $1600; school-house repairs, $100; highways, $1200; bridges, $150; snow paths, $200; paupers, $1200; salaries, $550; discount on taxes, $300; miscellaneous expenses, $600; town debt and interest, $500; total, $6400.

HAMPDEN.

The annual report of the town officers shows that there is a balance in the town treasury of $1148. There were 35 weeks of school in each district, at a total expense of $1690, or $10 less than the appropriation; this year an appropriation of $200 less is recommended. The attendance has been unusually large during the year, and many new features have been introduced. The appropriation of $700 for highways and bridges was exceeded by $242, besides more for special repairs, making the amount $549 in excess of the appropriation. Paupers cost the town $1056, an amount less than the appropriation. The contingent fund of $500 was exceeded by $95. Five liquor prosecutions have been made, and $5 of the $100 set aside for that purpose, remains. The officers for the coming year are: Clerk and treasurer, Sumner Smith, selectmen, Decius Beebe, Andrew Beebe and Lyman Smith; assessors, M. Pease, Newton Beebe, Matthias Casey. Appropriations: Schools, $1400; highways and bridges, $700; paupers, $800; contingent, $600; to prosecute violations of the liquor law, $200. The vote on the license question was "yes" 63, "no" 96.

WILBRAHAM.

Miss Dora Merrick teaches a school at Monson this spring.

Henry Culter has refused to serve on the school committee board.

Rev. M. S. Howard delivered a lecture at Milford Thursday evening.

The students of the academy will hold an interview at Fisk Hall this evening.

Misses Dora and Mary Merrick entertain the Willing Workers to-morrow afternoon.

There was a concert in the Congregational church last evening under the direction of Penn Tyler of Springfield.

W. F. Herrick has leased the house on Main street owned by the late Den. Clark, and will take possession this week.

Miss Lilla, youngest daughter of Wells Phelps, started for De Smet, Dakota, this week to join her father, who has taken up a claim there.

Mrs. A. H. Putnam of Ludlow, who has been sick since her husband's death, has recovered sufficiently to be moved to the Allis House, where she will remain for a few weeks.

The officers of the Athena society are: President, Bertha Brown; vice president, Grace Judson; critic, Nellie Morris; secretary and treasurer, Emma Conn; janitors, Constance Jilson and Grace Judson.

Dr. Stebbins Foskit, who has been a successful physician in the town for 30 years, has sold his practice to Dr. Webber of Brimfield, and will soon retire from active practice. Dr. Webber will move here about the 20th of this month. Dr. Fosket will devote a large portion of his time to travel, but will be here occasionally.

The following are the recently elected officers of the Sons of Temperance: W. P., William A. Mowry; W. A., Ellen McGovern; R. S., James S. King; A. R. S., Lizzie Stevens; F. S., Carrie Moody; treasurer, James Stevens; conductor, W. J. Skillings; assistant conductor, Eliza Stevens; chaplain, Rev. M. S. Howard; O. G., George Webster; I. G., Mary Beebe; P. W. P., William McGuire.

The town officers for next year are: Clerk and treasurer, Charles E. Stacy; selectmen and overseers of the poor, Marcus F. Beebe, Henry Clark and Elihu H. Cutler; assessors, Chauncey E. Peck, William F. Morgan and Henry M. Bliss; constables, Samuel E. Baker, William H. Day, James C. Cooley, Jason Butler; fence viewers, Monroe Pease, William A. Mowry, Marcus Daniels, Harvey Kent; collector, Hiram Danks; school committee for three years, Henry Cutler. The appropriations are: Schools, $2500; paupers, $1400; highways and bridges, $1200: town officers and contingencies, $1500; new school-house in district No. 2, $1700; cemetery, $50; lighting streets, $75; town clock, $25.

WARREN.

The business and sporting men are contemplating forming a rifle club.

W. T. Richardson takes the place of Rev. Mr. Sanderson at the Methodist church.

Miss Ada Stockbridge has taken her former position in one of the village schools.

Mr. Herbert Plimpton of Brimfield has charge of the town farm for the ensuing year.

"The Flower of the Family" will be produced in Brigham's Hall next Wednesday evening.

Mr. Woodworth has hired land of John Tyler on Southbridge street and will soon put up a skating rink.

Howard Sanderson was given a pleasant surprise at the rooms of the temperance division Monday evening, he being soon to leave town.

There will be services at the Congregational church, Sunday, appropriate for Easter, also Sabbath school concerts at both Universalist and Congregational churches.

Allen Burbank had a surprise party of his neighbors on Monday evening, it being his birthday, which rendered it very pleasant. Every neighbor, old and young was present.

Under the new law of the B. & A. company compelling their officers to send all receipts above a certain sum to headquarters every evening, the office here is allowed to retain only $30.

Mr. Lyman Powers has been chosen director of singing at the Congregational church, Mrs. Gay, Miss DeLand, Miss Patrick, Mr. Fred Kimball and Mr. Powers make the quartette with a chorus.

An alarm of fire Tuesday evening in the building of Blair & Keyes called out the fire company, who soon extinguished the flames. The fire took in the cellar belonging to the part occupied by Joyce as a restaurant.

Little Red Riding Hood will be given in the town hall Wednesday and Thursday evenings of next week. As no pains have been spared to have it a success, and it being all home talent except the director, Mrs. Hill of North Brookfield, we trust there will be a full house both evenings.

A pleasant gathering at Mr. Chadsey's, Wednesday evening to witness the marriage of Miss Emma Chadsey to Charles More of Boston. The happy couple were married under a yoke of roses and four-leaf clovers. The floral arrangements were very fine. Costly and elegant presents were given, among them one from her Sabbath school class, also a fine engraving from the Congregational Sabbath school of which the bride was an active member.

At the annual town meeting on Monday these officers were elected: Selectmen, Marcus Burroughs, Amory Crossman and Alfred L. Converse; assessors, Job Owen, Frank E. Gleason and Isaac E. Moore; overseers of the poor, Joseph Ramsdell, Chas. P. Crossman, E. C. Sawyer; constables, Walter A. Putnam, George P. Kelly, Hosea B. Smith, Fred H. Milnes, Dwight F. Orcutt, Albert H. Converse, Henry W. Wood; road commissioners, John W. Tyler, Geo. C. Bridges; school committee, Jesse F. Forbes, Olney I. Darling, J. W. Hastings. The following appropriations were made: Contingencies, $1200; town officers, $1500; town debt, $2500; town hall debt, $2500; interest, $1000; abatement of taxes, $300; fire department, $800; cemetery, $200; street lights, $600; library, $500; soldiers' memorial fund, $500; schools, $8000; school house repairs, $600; evening schools, $400; school books, $500; to enforce liquor laws, $300; poor, $1500; sidewalks, $1500; repairs on highways and bridges, $3000; special repairs, $1000. License, "yes" 184, "no" 202.

MONSON.

Dr. Rand and wife are expected home the latter part of the month, as they intend to embark on their return trip the 15th.

A raid was made on the Monson House on Monday, and about 30 gallons of cider and a small quantity of whisky and lager beer seized.

Town treasurer E. D. Cushman, has been confined to his house by illness the past week, but will probably be able to be out again in a few days.

The patrons of Mrs. L. A. Abby will hereafter find her in the rooms over Moore's dining rooms where she will attend to dress making, etc., as heretofore.

Geo. H. Newton sells by auction at the residence of Mrs. W. B. Converse, all the household goods, carpets, bedding, etc., on Thursday next at 10 o'clock a. m.

It is probable that Miss Chrissie McClellan of Worcester, who gave an exhibition of roller skating at the Palmer rink last week, will appear at the Green's Hall rink in a short time.

Rev. Albert Hammatt will preach an Easter sermon at Central Hall on Sunday morning, with music appropriate to the day. In the evening there will be a Sunday school concert.

Mrs. Sarah Needham's millinery rooms in Moore's block were thronged with visitors on Tuesday and Wednesday, admiring the new styles and tastily arranged goods displayed.

The following scholars were perfect in attendance at No. 1 primary school last term: Julia Keefe, Julia O'Brien, Mary Ryan, Katie Ryan, Edith Rathburn, Daniel Gallivan, Bertie Walker. The roll of honor in the same school: Julia Keefe, Edith Rathburn, Mary Ryan, Katie Ryan, Daniel Gallivan.

The Wyndham Amateur Comedy Company will present the society drama, "The Streets of New York," to the people of Monson at Central Hall next Monday evening. Those of our citizens who have seen this company in "Our Boys," and "The Lady of Lyons," will not miss this opportunity. After the drama there will be a social dance, with good music, good prompting, and a good time for all.

We regret that the following item was received too late for publication last week, and therefore make room for it in this issue: The fair of the Young Ladies' Working Club was a great success, both socially and financially, netting over $400. Among many valuable articles was an elegant mirror, painted by Miss Chapin, which was quickly purchased by a few individuals and presented to Rev. Mr. Byington. The club gave Mrs. Lyon a beautiful basket of roses as a token of their appreciation of the very efficient aid she had rendered them. Mrs. Tufts, their worthy president, was also remembered by a very useful gift.

TOWN MEETING.

At the annual meeting on Monday last the following officers were chosen: Moderator, Geo. H. Newton; town clerk, Carlos M. Gage; selectmen, Geo. H. Newton, D. G. Potter, C. S. Pease; overseer of poor, D. G. Potter, C. S. Pease, G. H. Newton; assessors, Omar Pease, H. E. Newton, G. W. Farington; town treasurer, E. D. Cushman; school committee for 3 years, Wilson M. Tucker, Rev. J. H. Kelly, Rev. E. H. Byington, Rev. J. Tufts; for one year, William Sutcliffe, Willard Leach; constables, Eugene Farrell, J. H. Thompson, C. L. Jewett, George Homer, Sherman Stebbins; fence viewers, Charles M. Webber, W. H. Underwood and A. J. Robbins; field drivers, W. G. Meacham, J. C. Maguire, John McGuire, D. G. Green, Edward Rindge; surveyors of lumber, J. A. Orcutt, L. C. Flynt, Arba Squier; measurers of wood and bark, C. M. Gage, L. C. Flynt, A. W. Leonard, Lyman Miller, G. F. Morris; sealer of weights and measures, Horace Squier; pound keeper, Geo. F. Morris; sextons, No. 1, Thomas H. Stiles; No. 2, E. G. Smith; No. 4, Omar Pease; No. 9, Lorenzo L. Squier; No. 12, Horace Bumstead; No. 13, Seth C. Bradway; town wardens, R. M. Reynolds, S. F. Cushman, W. J. Ricketts, D. G. Potter, F. E. Morris; auditing committee, C. L. Peck, A. A. Gage, L. C. Flynt. D. G. Potter was chosen collector of taxes, Horace Squier, J. H. Thompson and Rev. James Tufts were chosen committee to prosecute the illegal liquor sellers. License 200, no license 212.

Marvin Bradway, Alanson N. Chaffee and W. M. Tucker were chosen a committee to investigate the needs of districts No. 7 and 10 and report at the adjourned meeting to be held Saturday the 19th inst., at one o'clock p. m.

It was voted to apply the dog money to the support of schools.

The town did not accept the provisions of the statutes relative to chosing selectmen and assessors for 1, 2 and 3 years and passed over action on road commissioners, voting that the selectmen direct in regard to highways.

It was voted to print the valuation and taxes the ensuing year.

The appropriations were: contingent expenses, $3800; highways and bridges, $3500; free library association, $300; liquor prosecution, $500; new town house, $3000; schools, $3500; discount on taxes, $800.

The boards are organized with G. H. Newton, chairman selectmen, D. G. Potter, chairman of overseers of poor, Calvin S. Pease, chairman board of health.

The large number of split tickets made it a difficult task to count, assort, and arrange, and it was nearly three hours after the box was turned before the result was declared.

WARE AND VICINITY.

J. B. Green is going into the stove and tin business in Chicopee.

The time is nearly up for the final settlement of the Dr. C. S. Millette estate.

There will be Easter services at the Unitarian church next Sunday afternoon.

King Solomon's Royal Arch Chapter is soon to be removed from Ware to Warren.

J. A. N. Bonin has sold his place on Vigeant street to William Charbonneau for $2000.

A minstrel troupe is booked for Music Hall this Friday evening. They are said to be first-class.

F. W. Sweet, formerly principal of the Ware grammar school, and his bride, were in town last week.

Octave Dubois lost a finger last Friday by having it so badly crushed in a gear in the Otis Company's mill as to necessitate its amputation.

At the sale of the real estate of the late John M. Barnes on Tuesday, Thomas Tobin bought the large house and lot on West Main street for $3100.

Timothy Leary has sued the town for $3000, for damages received on the highway by running into a telegraph or telephone pole on East street.

It would seem that no one was present at the violin concert of the "Green Mountain Boys," on Tuesday evening. Firemen's Hall does not seem to be a popular place for entertainments.

We believe the already large attendance upon the lectures on cooking by Miss Hammond would be greatly increased if the ladies of the town realized the advantages to be derived from the practical illustrations of the subjects treated.

Rev. H. Matthews has returned as pastor of the Methodist church for another year, much to the gratification of his many friends. Next Sunday morning the subject will be "A Risen Christ." In the evening there will be an Easter Sunday school concert.

There is an attempt being made to systematically number all the houses in the village, and it will prove a success if all the property owners will contribute their mite towards the project. With the houses numbered and a complete correct directory, it would be easy to find who is where.

S. A. Corser has invented an arrangement to take the place of window weights, and may be applied to windows already in without cutting or marring the sash or casings. By its use the window is opened in such a way as to get a fine circulation of air without the usual direct draft into the room.

We think it may not be generally known that the Otis Company are furnishing rent to those in their employ who have families at about twenty-five per cent less than similar or inferior accommodations can be had of other parties. They also furnish wood to their help for 75 cents per cord less than that paid by outsiders.

The new skating rink was opened on Wednesday evening with the most flattering prospects for success, a large party being present, including some of the best people of the town both as skaters and spectators, and all were delighted with the rink and its management. The fancy skating by the LeRoi sisters and Prof. Wyman was fine and much enjoyed. The music by the Cadet Band added greatly to the pleasure of the evening. The rink is open each evening this week. Music was furnished by the Ware Cornet Band on Thursday evening.

The union meeting of the Sons of Temperance of the divisions within 16 miles of Ware at Music Hall on Wednesday evening was not nearly as largely attended as was expected, on account of the bad weather, but there were about 150 present, and they seemed to have a most enjoyable time. The meeting was presided over by the Deputy Grand Worthy Patriarch Cyrus Nickerson of Ware, who gave the address of welcome and gave a historical account of the Ware division. Historical accounts were given by the other divisions present. There were readings given by Sisters Austin and Bond. The address of the evening was given by the R. W. P. Benjamin R. Jewell of Boston. A bountiful collation was served by the ladies. The Ware division is reported in a prosperous condition, and is growing in membership. It is expected this meeting is the first of a series of meetings of this kind to be held in the county.

Another terrible ocean calamity occurred last week, when the steamer Daniel Steinmann, of the White Cross line, struck on Sambro Island, near Halifax, and went down immediately, carrying 120 souls with her, the captain, three passengers and five of the crew being the only ones saved. There was a dense fog at the time, and the captain mistook the Sambro Island light for another one, and so came upon the rocks. The Steinmann is the fourth White Cross steamer lost since 1881, when the Ludwig put out from Montreal and was never heard from. The Henry Eyde went down in a gale two years ago and since then the Platyn sailed from New York for Antwerp and was also never heard from.

C. B. Barrett of Hinsdale is on trial at Pittsfield for wilfully causing the death of Mrs. Matilda Barrett, a relative and an inmate of his family, by cruelty and neglect. The woman was induced to give him her property, he promising to provide for her as long as she lived, but he soon began to abuse and neglect her, deprived her of sufficient food and nourishment, and failed to give her sufficient clothing. When found dead in bed January 9th, she was frozen. The papers allege fifty assaults upon her between Dec. 4th and Jan. 9th.

Sparks from the burning brush heaps set fire to the woods in portions of North and South Carolina last week, and for several days the most destructive forest fires ever known in that vicinity raged. Hundreds of thousands of trees were burned, together with some of the largest turpentine orchards in the state, and a dozen turpentine stills. The fire covered a space 30 by 50 miles, and left many families homeless and destitute.

The steamer Newcastle City, from Halifax N. S., for Boston, struck on the Little Hope shoal, off Liverpool, Queen's county, last Friday afternoon. No lives were lost.

Rev. Martin Dudley of Easton, Ct., was severely beaten last Saturday night by an unknown man who had entered his house for the purpose of robbery.

The First National Bank of Monmouth, Ill., is crippled by the defalcation of its cashier, who has made way with from $50,000 to $100,000.

Brother Whittaker of the *Southbridge Journal*, celebrated election day Monday by getting out a neat four-page election edition.

Over three thousand immigrants arrived at Castle Garden, New York, on Tuesday of this week.

In Georgia the cyclone has been known to act as a great revivalist. One passed through a locality several years ago where there was no church; the people looked upon the destruction as a judgment for their evil, at once started a subscription and built a church, and are now as pious a community as any in that vicinity.

The wife of a prominent physician at Altoona, Pa., was found in her room Monday morning with her head almost severed from her body. Two large knives and a cleaner used for amputating purposes were found beside the victim, and circumstances strongly point to the husband as the murderer. He has been arrested.

Rev. B. M. Ferris, pastor of the Baptist church in Trivoli, N. Y., is accused of deception and falsehood, it being alleged that he is engaged to three different young ladies in as many towns, all of whom expect to marry him in a short time, and that he is paying attention to a fourth.

Two hundred kegs of powder in the powder mill of William Berry & Co., at Shamokin, Pa., exploded last Friday morning. The report was heard within a radius of 25 miles, and the smoke and ashes were seen for a distance of 15 miles. One man only was killed.

Ex-Gov. Long is beginning to make his mark. He has, without any effort on his part, obtained the favorable opinion of all the newspaper writers. In the House it is felt that he has talent above the average. His modesty, good sense and ability to speak have already won him a hearing. It will be odd to see a man get ahead in the turbulent House of Representatives without antagonizing individual members. But it will be an easy leap for him from the floor to the speaker's chair if he remains in the House and the republicans ever again control that body. — *Edmund Hudson's Washington Letter.*

A seal cow which followed a vessel carrying her calf a captive 80 miles from Analapa Island, Cal., to Santa Barbara, howling piteously, got her reward at last. After the ship was made fast to the dock the young seal, left on deck tied up in a jute sack, managed to jump overboard, the mother's sharp teeth tore the sack away, and the two swam away safely.

Robert Haensel, of Reichenberg, Bohemia, has accurately photographed a flash of lightning, although it is supposed to have been demonstrated by experiments that the phenomenon lasts only a millionth of a second. The spark is distinctly shown, traveling more than a mile, and with it the landscape.

A narrow gauge railroad is being built to the top of Pike's Peak, in Colorado. Six thousand people climbed to the top of the mountain last year, and with the aid of the railroad it is believed that 50,000 will make the ascent this year. The road will be finished by the first of June.

The number of newspapers and periodicals at present issued in the United States and Canada is 13,402, a gain of 1600 in the past year. There are published 120 more dailies than one year ago, and 966 more weeklies, the greatest increase being in the Western states.

A Canadian woman brought a suit for divorce against her husband because he had frequently yoked her to plow with a steer. The husband pleaded that it was the custom with market gardeners in his section near Windsor, Ontario.

An eccentric old bachelor who died lately at Easton, Pa., left $50,000 for the erection of a monument over his grave, also $10,000 for the maintenance of a brass band to bear his name, and at each anniversary of his death to play a dirge at his grave.

A large family hotel is to be built on Fifth avenue, New York, between Fifty-eighth and Fifty-ninth street, at a cost of $1,500,000, the site having cost $800,000. The building will be ten stories in hight.

Emperor Dom Pedro of Brazil has reigned for fifty-three years, or longer than any living sovereign. He was but six years old when he ascended the throne.

The furniture of the once famous St. Nicholas Hotel of New York has been sold at auction, and the hotel will be utilized for wholesale business purposes.

A cold in the head is one of the best things that can happen to a lady with a lace handkerchief, and Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup is decidedly the best remedy to cure that cold.

The best Dye House in Springfield is T. Broadhurst's. Everybody says so.

A fact: That Fay's Shoe Store has the largest stock of fine and medium boots and shoes in Springfield. 8w2

Forbes & Wallace, Springfield, are offering 10 (ten) pieces black silks at 50c, worth 75c; 7 pieces at 65c, worth $1; 5 pieces at 87½c, worth $1.25; 10 pieces at $1, worth $1.50. Brocaded silks $1.00 to $1.50. Radezimere silks—home made.

Thousands are daily having freckles removed by a trial of Lady Camelia's Secret of Beauty. Price 50 cents, at Allen's Pharmacy. 14w y29

James D. Gill of the Art Store, Springfield, has engaged for his picture and framing department Mr. C. A. Capewell, for many years with the well-known artists' material house of Janetzky & Co. of Philadelphia. Mr. Gill has the most complete picture frame stock and the most complete list of artists' materials in Western Massachusetts.

O. P. Allen and O. J. Winslow guarrantee positive relief for any cough, cold, croup, or lung complaint by using Acker's English Remedy, or will refund the money. cow ly 52

UNNECESSARY SUFFERING.—Why need I suffer from biliousness, liver complaint, malaria, torpor of the bowels, etc? Because I have never used Rice & Co's Eclectic Pills, which are purely vegetable, gelatine coated, and cause no griping pains, (cathartic and cholagogue.) Price, 25 cents. For sale by GEO. L. HITCHCOCK, Palmer. 7

Ask O. P. Allen and O. J. Winslow about Acker's Blood Elixer, the only preparation guaranteed to cleanse the blood and remove all chronic diseases. cow ly 52

FORMULE FOR RICE & CO'S ECLECTIC PILLS.—May apple, extract dandelion, rhubarb, ext. aloes and colocynth comp, and oil anise. Price 25 cents. Gelatine coated. Liver and malarial disease cannot exist where these pills are taken. No griping. Price 25 cents. For sale by G. L. KEENEY, Druggist and Stationer, Monson. 7

TEST WITH FERTILIZERS.—Have used largely of nearly all kinds of fertilizers, and find Bradley's Phosphate the best for all crops. We have tested it this year with a special fertilizer for corn, also with a well-known special fertilizer for potatoes, and it equalled both of them, costing much less. No manure was used. I sowed four acres of oats, using three hundred pounds of Bradley's Phosphate per acre, and a heavy crop. The grass seed, when the oats were cut, seemed to be dead from the effects of the drought, but the Phosphate kept the roots alive until rain came, and we had the best stocked new meadow to be found.

Sterling, Conn. S. GRIFFITHS.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The greatest medical wonder of the world. Warranted to speedily cure Burns, Bruises, Cuts, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Cancers, Piles Chilblains, Corns, Tetter, Chapped Hands, and all skin eruptions, guaranteed to cure in every instance or money refunded. 25 cents per box. For sale by G. L. Hitchcock. 1y32

Oh, how beautiful it makes the complexion! For eruptions, Lady Camelia's Secret of Beauty is superior to soap or liniments. Price 50 cents. At Allen's Pharmacy. (3) 4w37

FURNITURE.—Some idea of the extent of this branch of business, as now carried on in Boston, can be obtained by visiting the ware rooms at Paine's Manufactory on Canal Street, Boston. This is one of the largest in the country, with show rooms covering acres of floor room, stocked with every variety of house furniture, at manufacturers and importers' prices, which save about one-third the retail price to their customers.

O. P. Allen and O. J. Winslow wish it known that they guarantee Acker's Dyspepsia Tablets to be the best remedy for indigestion ever made, they always relieve headache. cow 1y 52

RECIPE FOR THE TROUBLED MIND.—The thought often arises, and the question asked "What shall I do?" I have tried all of the doctors, and patent medicines, and money is gone, and still no better. Recipe—Go to your druggist, and get a bottle of Rice & Co's Eclectic Liniment and a box of Eclectic Pills—for our motto is, no cure, no pay. For sale at C. E. BLOOD'S Drug Store, Ware. 7

A Great Surprise

Is in store for all who use Kemp's Balsam for the throat and lungs, the great guaranteed remedy. Would you believe that it is sold on its merits, and that each druggist is authorized to refund your money by the proprietor of this wonderful remedy if it fails to cure you? O. P. Allen has secured the agency for it. Price 50 cents and $1. Trial size free. 1y16cow

A Sensible Man Would Use

Kemp's Balsam for the Throat and Lungs. It is curing more cases of Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Bronchitis, Croup, and all throat and lung troubles, than any other medicine. The proprietor has authorized O. P. Allen to refund your money, if, after taking three-fourths of a bottle, relief is not obtained. Price 50 cents and One Dollar. Trial size free. 1y16cow

Cause and Effect.

At times symptoms of indigestion are present, uneasiness of the stomach, &c., a moisture like perspiration, producing itching at night, or when one is warm, cause the Piles. The effect is immediate relief upon the application of Dr. Bosanko's Pile Remedy, 50 cents, sold by G. L. Hitchcock, Palmer, G. L. Keeney, Monson, and C. E. Blood, Ware. cow16

Want of Faith.

If G. L. Hitchcock, Palmer, G. L. Keeney, Monson, and C. E. Blood, Ware, the druggists, do not succeed it is not for want of faith. They have such faith in Dr. Bosanko's Cough and Lung Syrup as a remedy for coughs, colds, consumption and lung affections, that they will give a bottle free to each and every one who is in need of a medicine of this kind. cow16

A Great Discovery.

That daily brings joy to the homes of thousands by saving many of their dear ones from an early grave. Truly is Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Bronchitis, Hay Fever, Loss of Voice, Tickling in the Throat, Pain in the Side and Chest, or any disease of the Throat and Lungs, a positive cure guaranteed. Trial bottles free at Geo. L. Hitchcock's drug store. Large size $1.00. 6

DIED.

At San Buenaventura, Cal., March 22, of paralysis, MELISSA, 62, wife of A. C. Kendall, formerly of Palmer, Mass.

MARRIED.

At Granby 5th, by Rev. F. W. Baldwin, ALBERT J. LYON and ADDIE LAMB, both of Ludlow.

BORN.

At Wilbraham, 3d, a son to HENRY GOUGHER.

FOR SALE.

My late residence, cor. Park and Central sts., Palmer. Enquire of DR. J. K. WARREN,
3w2 68 Pleasant St., Worcester.

NOTICE.

The Selectmen of Palmer give notice that all applications for selling intoxicating liquor for the ensuing year, must be made on or before Tuesday, the 15th inst., and that after that date no applications will be noticed.

D. B. BISHOP, Chairman.

BROADHURST'S DYE HOUSE,

57 WORTHINGTON ST., SPRINGFIELD,

Acknowledged by all to be the LEADING DYE HOUSE of Western Massachusetts.

Our Garment Dying and Cleansing unsurpassed. Our Lace Curtain Cleansing unequalled. Repairing Gents' Garments, Cutting over and Making new a Specialty.

☞ FIRST-CLASS TAILORS EMPLOYED.

Upholstery, all kinds, Dyed in Bright Colors. Dresses and Shawls in Silk and Wool dyed in handsome blacks and all the fashionable shades.

OUR PRICES — REASONABLE, OUR WORK — FIRST-CLASS.

T. BROADHURST,

57 Worthington St., SPRINGFIELD. 8w2

Grass Seed, All Kinds,

Wholesale and retail. Prices low, AT SIBLEY'S.

THE "DAISY FLOUR," UNEQUALLED For both Bread and Pastry. Sold only BY SIBLEY.

"VERONA MILLS"; ALWAYS GOOD, And Cheap. Sold only BY SIBLEY.

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LAWSON SIBLEY.

523 MAIN STREET, - - SPRINGFIELD. 4w2

SALESMEN WANTED.—To canvass for the sale of Grapes, Roses and other Nursery Stock. Steady employment guaranteed. Salary and expenses paid! Apply at once. CHASE BROTHERS, Rochester, N. Y. (Refer to this paper.) 8w2

NOTICE is hereby given that the subscribers have been duly appointed executors of the will of Waterman Fuller, late of Palmer, in the county of Hampden, deceased; and have taken upon themselves that trust by giving bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to

WILLIAM H. FULLER } Executors.
GEORGE W. FULLER }

Palmer, Apr. 9, 1884. 3w2*

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE.

By virtue of a license from the probate court, I, J. M. Lyon of Wales, Mass., administrator, with the will annexed, of the estate of Alvin Colburn, late of said Wales, deceased, will sell at public auction, on the premises, on Monday, the 28th day of April next, at 10 o'clock a. m., the following real estate: The home farm of said Alvin Colburn, situated in said Wales, containing 100 acres, more or less, bounded north by land now or formerly of Jos. U. Royce, Jr., and in part by the highway; east by land now belonging to said estate and Samuel B. Perry, south by land of Samuel B. Perry and Isaiah Hiscock, and west by land of said Joseph U. Royce, Jr. The sale will be made subject to any rights of way over the land. Terms cash. At 11 o'clock a. m. on said day, on the premises, following, I shall sell at public auction certain real estate belonging to said estate, known as the "Royce place," situated partly in said Wales and partly in the town of Holland, bounded north by land of the Needham heirs, east by the "Kenny lot" owned by said estate, south by land of Isaiah Hiscock and land of Samuel B. Perry, and west by the home farm of Alvin Colburn's heirs. Terms, cash. Both sales will be subject to the taxes for 1884.

Wales, Apr. 8th, 1884. 3w2 J. M. LYON.

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by Emma S. Mixter and George M. Mixter to William W. Moore, dated December 22d, 1873, and recorded in the registry of deeds for the county of Hampden, libro 367, folio 146, will be sold at public auction, on the premises, on Wednesday, the 7th day of May, 1884, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, all and singular the premises conveyed by said mortgage deed, namely:—A certain tract of land situate about three-eighths of a mile northerly of the Congregational church in Monson, in said county, upon the west side of Mechanic street, and bounded as follows, viz: Beginning at the south-east corner of John C. Maguire's home lot at the west line of said Mechanic street; thence southerly on Mechanic street 5½ rods to a stone post set in the ground; thence westerly at right angles to the west line of Mechanic street 8 rods to a stone set in the ground; thence northerly at right angles to the last mentioned line to stone in the ground at said Maguire's land; thence on said Maguire's land to the place of beginning, containing about one-fourth acre of land, be the same more or less, with the buildings thereon standing, subject to a previous mortgage to the Palmer Savings bank to secure $800. $100 will be required to be paid in cash by the purchaser at the time and place of sale.

WILLIAM W. MOORE.

Monson, April 11, 1884. 3w2

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

PALMER, Apr. 11, 1884.

Notice is hereby given under Chapter 100 of the public statutes that John P. Dunn has applied for a license of the first and fourth class to sell intoxicating liquors, as a common victualler, in his eating saloon in the basement of his dwelling house in Three Rivers, in said Palmer.

D. B. BISHOP, Chairman.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

PALMER, Apr. 11, 1884.

Notice is hereby given under Chapter 100 of the public statutes that Mr. C. P. Stone has applied for a license of the first class to sell intoxicating liquors, as an inn-holder, in the premises occupied by him as a hotel on Main street, in said Palmer, and known as the Nassawanno House.

D. B. BISHOP, Chairman.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

PALMER, Apr. 11, 1884.

Notice is hereby given under Chapter 100 of the public statutes that John Feeney has applied for a license of the first and fourth class to sell intoxicating liquors, as a common victualler, in the main room of the first floor of his two-story frame building situated at the corner of Main and Central streets at Palmer Depot.

D. B. BISHOP, Chairman.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

PALMER, Apr. 11, 1884.

Notice is hereby given under Chapter 100 of the public statutes that Jerry Hannifin has applied for a license of the third class to sell beer and cider, as a common victualler, said business to be carried on in the house back of his dwelling house in Bondville, in said Palmer, on his own land.

D. B. BISHOP, Chairman.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

PALMER, Apr. 11, 1884.

Notice is hereby given under Chapter 100 of the public statutes that Edward Handfield has applied for a license of the first and fourth class to sell intoxicating liquors, as a common victualler, in the room in the basement of the house owned and occupied by Adolph Girouard in the village of Bondville, in said Palmer.

D. B. BISHOP, Chairman.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

PALMER, Apr. 11, 1884.

Notice is hereby given under Chapter 100 of the public statutes that Jerry Shea has applied for a license of the fourth class to sell intoxicating liquors in the two-story building situated in Bondville, in said Palmer, on the easterly side of the street leading from Bondville to Duckville, and next northerly from the school house.

D. B. BISHOP, Chairman.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

PALMER, Apr. 11, 1884.

Notice is hereby given under Chapter 100 of the public statutes that Joseph Thompson has applied for a license of the first and fourth class to sell intoxicating liquors, as a common victualler, in the third and fourth rooms in the westerly end of Cross block, so called, on Main street at Palmer Depot.

D. B. BISHOP, Chairman.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

PALMER, Apr. 11, 1884.

Notice is hereby given under Chapter 100 of the public statutes that Marshal Fox has applied for licenses to sell malt liquors and cider to be drunk on the premises, and for the same not to drunk on the premises; said licenses to be exercised at my restaurant in the frame building next southerly of Cross' block on Main street in said Palmer.

D. B. BISHOP, Chairman.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

PALMER, Apr. 11, 1884.

Notice is hereby given under Chapter 100 of the public statutes that John J. Moynahan has applied for a license of the first and fourth class to sell intoxicating liquors, as a common victualler, in the room in the south-east corner of the two-story frame building owned by Catharine Griffin, situate on South Main street, in said Palmer; the premises proposed to be occupied being numbered 18 on said street.

D. B. BISHOP, Chairman.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

PALMER, Apr. 11, 1884.

Notice is hereby given under Chapter 100 of the public statutes that George A. Griffin has applied for a license of the first and fourth class to sell intoxicating liquors, as a common victualler, for the ensuing year in the room on the first floor of the Nassawanno House Block, on Main street, in said Palmer, on the westerly side of said block, known as the Nassawanno House Billiard Hall, it being the room in the rear of Hitchcock's drug and paper stock store; the entrance to said room being the third door on the easterly side of Walnut street in going from Main.

D. B. BISHOP, Chairman.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

PALMER, Apr. 11, 1884.

Notice is hereby given under Chapter 100 of the public statutes that William B. Thompson has applied for a license of the first and fourth class to sell intoxicating liquors, as a common victualler, for the ensuing year, in the room on the north-west corner of the building owned by Margaret E. Thompson, situate at the corner of Central street and Pleasant street in said Palmer; the entrance to said room being from the easterly side of said Central street, the second door from the corner of Pleasant street.

D. B. BISHOP, Chairman.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

PALMER, Apr. 11, 1884.

Notice is hereby given under Chapter 100 of the public statutes that Henry O. Caryl of Ware, in the county of Hampshire, and L. W. Caryl of said Palmer, doing business under the firm name of Caryl Brothers, have applied for a license of the fifth class for the sale of intoxicating liquors for the ensuing year in the basement of Commercial block, so called, situate at the corner of Main and Commercial streets, in said Palmer.

D. B. BISHOP, Chairman.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

PALMER, Apr. 11, 1884.

Notice is hereby given under Chapter 100 of the public statutes that James F. Foley has applied for a license of the fourth class to sell intoxicating liquors, the same to be exercised in the west end of the house on the southerly side of the road leading from Thorndike to Three Rivers, and being the third house westerly of the school house on said road, and next westerly of the Bucklin House in Thorndike, in said Palmer.

D. B. BISHOP, Chairman.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

PALMER, Apr. 11, 1884.

Notice is hereby given under Chapter 100 of the public statutes that Michael Cunningham has applied for a license of the first and fourth class to sell intoxicating liquors as a common victualler at No. 10 South Main street, in said Palmer, it being the front room on the first floor of the frame building owned by him on said street and located between the store building of H. W. Munger and the dwelling house of one Finerty on the northerly side of said street.

D. B. BISHOP, Chairman.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

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D. B. BISHOP, Chairman.

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NOTICE.

The selectmen of the Town of Palmer hereby give notice that they will be in session at the Town House on Monday the 21st day of April, inst. at 2 o'clock p. m., to hear objections as to granting licenses to any of the persons who have made application for the same.

2w2 D. B. BISHOP, Chairman.

We shall open

SATURDAY, MARCH 15,

NEW GOODS

IN EVERY DEPARTMENT,

Including the latest novelties in

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A GREAT VARIETY OF

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As well as a full line of

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J. B. SHAW.

Palmer, March 13, 1884.

NOTICE.

The Selectmen hereby give notice that they will be in session at the Town Hall, on the first Monday of every month, at which time all persons having bills against the town are required to bring them in for settlement, when all orders will be drawn, and on no other days will any orders be drawn.

D. B. BISHOP, Chairman.

Palmer, April 4, 1884. 2w1

NOTICE.

Having given my son, Elwin Wheeler Barney his time, I shall collect none of his wages nor pay any debts of his contracting after this date.

Ware, Mar. 28, 1884. 3w1 B. C. BARNEY.

FOR SALE!

54-inch Bicycle; best English make; full nickel, except fellocs; ball bearings; suspension saddle; in perfect order. Price $125.

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To examine our several departments before making any purchases.

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Look at the fine CASHMERE SILK, 20 inches wide, we offer at $1.

Look at the 24-inch EXTRA CASHMERE SILK we offer at $1.50.

Both qualities would be cheap at 50c more than we ask for them.

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Look at the lot of FANCY SATINS we offer at 50c, sold last season at $1.

Look at the lot of FOULARD SILKS we offer at 35c would be cheap at 75c, in all dark shades. Examine this lot quick.

Look at the lot of FANCY SILKS we offer at 50c, Elegant quality for the money.

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Look at the lot of OATMEAL TOWELS, extra large size, we offer at 12½c, regular 25c, goods.

Look at the double DAMASK we offer at 50c, same quality sold at 62½ and 75c.

Look at the SPOT NETS we offer at 5c, same goods sold elsewhere at 25c.

Examine our stock of HAMBURGS, LACES and HANDKERCHIEFS. You will save money every time, no Fancy Profits put on Lace goods.

Look at our HOSIERY and GLOVE DEPARTMENT, the Finest Stock in the city to select from at Bottom Prices.

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CARPET DUSTING WORKS OF J. H. SMITH.

Carpets dusted in the best manner by machinery. No injury to goods guaranteed. Carpets called for and delivered free.

Orders left with Weld & Longley, or by Telephone or Postal, will be PROMPTLY attended to.

PRICE—25 yards, or less, - - 50 cents.
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TERMS: - - - - CASH ON DELIVERY.

J. H. SMITH,

April 3, 1884. Palmer, Mass. 4w1

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One horse power Wood Saw, one Gray Horse, 6 years old, extra worker; one Brown Horse, good worker; two buggies, one buckboard, one two-horse wagon, new one; one-horse wood wagon, one two-horse sled, one pair team harness, made to order; one business wagon, 4 seats, for one or two horses, nearly new; also one feed box, hay cutter, chains, plows, blankets, etc. All will be sold cheap for cash, as I have no further use for them.

8w48 HENRY C. N. CROSS, Thorndike, Mass.

CATARRH.

HEADACHE, COLD IN HEAD, ROSE COLD, DEAFNESS, HAY FEVER,

A POSITIVE CURE: ELY'S CREAM BALM.

Ely's Cream Balm when applied by the finger into the nostrils will be absorbed, effectually cleansing the head of catarrhal virus, causing healthy secretions. It allays inflammation, protects the membrane of the nasal passages from fresh colds, completely heals the sores and restores the senses of taste and smell. Not a LIQUID or SNUFF

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STONE DERRICKS FOR SALE.—Three Stone Derricks, 35 feet masts, with ropes and pulleys. Also assortment of Stone Tools, bush hammers, drill, etc., etc.

3w52 JOEL H. THOMPSON, Monson, Mass.

NOTICE is hereby given that the subscriber has been duly appointed administratrix of the estate of Cornelius Kelliher, late of Palmer, in the county of Hampden, deceased; and has taken upon herself that trust by giving bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to

MARY KELLIHER, Administratrix.

Palmer, March 24, 1884. 3w52

NOTICE.

The Selectmen of the town of Palmer will receive proposals for Medical and Surgical Attendance on the Poor of Palmer for the year ending March 1st, 1885, said proposals to include all the poor who may come upon the town. All proposals to be handed in on or before Monday the 14th inst. The Selectmen reserve the right to reject any or all proposals.

D. B. BISHOP, Chairman.

Palmer, April 4th, 1884. 2w1

A WOOD LOT FOR SALE; Containing 6½ acres near the center of Monson.

3w Enquire of G. C. WILSON, Monson, Mass.

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SUITS

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ALL THE NOVELTIES OF THE SEASON

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Spring Sacques, Jerseys, Wrappers and Aprons,

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Would call special attention to a very nobby line of

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Warranted to fit, at short notice.

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Very respectfully,

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CROSS'S BLOCK, PALMER.

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It has been demonstrated that a Sulky can be attached to a plow and do better work, with greater ease to the team, and certainly more comfort or pleasure to the man or boy, than if he were to trudge the weary round to guide and hold his plow.

IT IS TIME-TESTED AND APPROVED.

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It is simple in construction. Is is strong, durable, and easily operated. It can be attached to any common plow, either wood or iron beam. It can be reversed to use on right or left hand plows. It is adapted to either two or three horse plows. The depth can be regulated, or the plow be raised entirely out of the ground without stopping the team. It will always hold the plow at a uniform depth, while passing over ridges or furrows. It can turn a square corner without raising the plow. It can be set stationary in finishing lands if desired. It can be used with a right lever for general use, and may be left loose and adjustable for very rough and stony lands. It can also be used for attaching to nearly every kind of a harrow.

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Having sold my Fenton Farm, I offer for sale stock consisting of

COWS, HEIFERS AND STEERS.

— ALSO —

MOWER, HAY RAKE, TEDDER, PLOWS, HARNESS, WAGONS,

And Small Tools.

GEORGE ROBINSON.

Palmer, March 14, 1884. 50tf

MARBLE! MARBLE!

A large and fine assortment of FINISHED MONUMENTS, TABLETS, etc., etc., now on hand and for sale at

LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICES

for first-class work, at White's Marble and Granite Works.

L. C. WHITE, Palmer, Mass. 6tf

FOR SALE!

Cottage house and three-fourths acre of land, well stocked with Fruit Trees, situated in the center of Monson, near churches, schools and post office. For particulars address,

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Palmer, 16, Nov. 1883 33tf

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A smart, intelligent boy, about 15 or 16 years of age, to learn the printer's trade.

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WILL BE LET—To a small family, a convenient tenement but short distance from Monson depot. Apply to

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Having purchased the GIBBONS' SHOE STORE, and wishing to make room for

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I now offer my entire stock at a discount of from five to twenty per cent.

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Hoping for a generous share of your patronage,

I remain, Respectfully,

H. A. CLARK.

Palmer, Feb. 1, 1884.

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IN PRICES TO

Reduce Stock.

In my attempts hitherto to dispose of my business, I have found my large stock the principle obstacle, it being beyond the means of any of the several applicants. I now propose to reduce it by

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At greatly reduced prices, on new goods as well as old.

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Were bought before I proposed to sell out, and are now in stock. They comprise the finest selection and largest assortment within fifteen miles, and are offered at lower prices than can be found anywhere.

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"Now is the accepted time."

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More and more used, every year, to enliven school life, and furnish most valuable practice.

Forest Jubilee Band (40 cts.) new; Flower Festival on the Rhine (45 cts.); Crown of Virtue (60 cts.); Fairy Bridal (50 cts.); New Flower Queen (75 cts.); Hour in Fairy Land (60 cts.); Little Bo Peep (60 cts.); Three Little Kittens (50 cts.); Quarrel Among Flowers (25 cts.); Spring Holiday (60 cts.); School Festival (20 cts.); and Cinderella (50 cts.) are all lively and pretty Cantatas.

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FARM FOR SALE in Ware, of about 65 acres, pleasant location, three miles from village. Keep four cows and horse, wood enough for home use, supply of peaches, plums, and other fruit. Barn and house connected. House 2 stories, modern built and very convenient. Price, $1200. Half or more of purchase money can remain on mortgage at 6 per cent. Other farms for sale. Real estate and other property bought and sold.

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Yard and shop junction of the B. & A. and N. L. N. railroads, west of depot.

Cabin Love Song.

Oh, listen to me, darkies,
I'll tell you a little story;
'Tis all about my true love,
De Flat Creek mornin'-glory;
She's nice as drew-drap
Inside de open flower;
She's sof'er dan moonshine,
An' I lubs her eb'ry hour!

Chorus—Mag is a sunflower,
Mag is a daisy;
Mag is de very gal
To run a nigger crazy!

Her head is like de full moon,
Her lips sweet as a cherry;
Her furrud's smooth as a lookin'-glass
An' slick as a huckleberry;
Her face is like a picter,
Her teef is white an' pearly;
Her eye is bright as a lightnin'-bug,
An' her ha'r is 'mazing curly!

I like to chop de 'backer patch
Wid Mag right close behind me;
I'd like to be a 'backer-worm
Ef Mag would only find me;
I'd like to be a flock of sheep
Ef Mag would drive me 'bout;
I'd like to be a 'tater slip
Ef Mag would let me out!

I seed her for de fus' time
In thinnin' out de corn;
She made my feelin's flutterate
An' now my heart is gone;
Oh, I lubs her like de mischuf,
I's bound to tell her soon,
An' I'll cote her at de shuckin'
On de changin' ob de moon!

A CHRONIC DISEASE.

One of the darkest phases of our social life is illustrated by the three gilt balls of the pawnbroker's shop. It is a part of our civilization which is inherited from a dark past of misery, which represents a state of shiftlessness, incompetency and degredation most disagreeable to contemplate; and yet, even at our high development of culture and business energy, this relic of the past sticks. It is even a necessity. At a meeting which discussed lately the pawnbroking question in its various aspects, a pawnbroker of long experience emphatically characterized the habit of obtaining loans of money on pledges as a "chronic disease." Men will pawn, whatever you can do, he said. They pawn in good and prosperous seasons more than they do in bad, because in good times they are hopeful, and are sure of being able to redeem their pledges by the next week's wages. Then they will put in pledge a coat to go to the theatre, a ring to have some kind of amusement. In bad seasons they have not so many articles to pawn, and yet they will pawn until they reach destitution and charity. The fault, or, perhaps, the pity, lies with the unfortunate borrowers. But in these poor whom we condemn for shiftlessness can not we see the disagreeable side of a vice glided over in better society? How many live within their means and carefully reserve for the "rainy day?" How many scrupulously keep free from debt? Is mortgaging a house different in kind from mortgaging a cloak? The "chronic disease" is everywhere potent, though its forms are different.—*Boston Journal.*

AN AID TO THE CURE OF ALCOHOLISM.

We believe the best authorities are generally skeptical as to there being any sure cure for confirmed habits of inebriety unless the effort in that direction be aided by a strong exercise of the will of the unfortunate subject of the bad habit. There are, however, many remedies recommended as aids in diverting or in a minor degree satisfying the appetite for strong liquors, which undoubtedly are of great advantage in some cases, and one of these is thus recommended by a self-styled "rescued man": "I was one of those unfortunates given to strong drink. When I left it off I felt a horrid want of something I must have or go distracted. I could neither eat, work nor sleep. Explaining my affliction to a man of much education and experience he advised me to make a decoction of ground quassia, a half ounce steeped in a pint of vinegar, and to put about a small teaspoonful of it in a little water, and to drink it down every time the liquor thirst came on me violent. I found it satisfied the craving and it suffered a feeling of stimulus and strength. I continued this cure, and persevered till the thirst was conquered. For two years I have not tasted liquor, and I have no desire for it. Lately, to try my strength, I have handled and smelt whisky, but I have no temptation to take it. I give this for the consideration of the unfortunate, several of whom I know have recovered by means which I no longer require."—*Scientific American.*

A REASONABLE EXCUSE.

"This is a pretty time of night for you to be getting in, Mr. Crimsonbeak!" exclaimed Mrs. C. when her husband returned home late the other night, slightly under the influence of a full moon or something more exhilarating.

"Why—hic—love. I don't see anythin' the matter with the—hic—time," was the husband's reply, vainly trying to get his optic on the family time-piece.

"Well, if you could look straight enough Mr. Crimsonbeak, you would see that it is half past twelve o'clock. You should have been home full two hours ago."

"Impossible, love—hic—impossible for me to have been home full two hours ago!"

"And why was it impossible, I should like to know?" said the better half, looking as though she could chew her husband up in her anger.

"Because," explained the jolly man, "because—hic—I wasn't full two hours ago!"—*Yonkers Statesman.*

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Boy (reading)—"And as she sailed down the river—" Teacher—"Why are ships called she?" Boy (precociously alive to the responsibilities of his sex)—"Because they need men to manage them."

A little girl referred to the moustache of a young man, the other day, as a "bang" on his lip.

MANUFACTURE OF GUNPOWDER.

"There is a popular delusion regarding the amount of powder used in warfare," remarked a gentleman whose business is the manufacture of powder-making machinery, and who has made a hobby of explosives. "As a matter of fact," he continued, "much more powder is burned in time of peace than in time of war. The average daily consumption of powder in the United States is 100 tons. In a battle in which 50,000 men fired 40 rounds each, less than one-quarter of an ordinary day's quota of powder would be used. In the construction of the Hoosic tunnel more powder was used than in the war of the rebellion, and a single large coal mine will use almost as much. The coal trade consumes more powder than any other single interest. A quantity is exported and the rest is used in civil engineering, in the manufacture of pyrotechnics, for sporting and military purposes, and by the government for firing signals and salutes.

"The manufacture of powder," continued the explosive enthusiast, "is a fine art. I have been identified with the powder interest for 25 years, and I have observed that it is associated with only the best and highest types of civilization. Second-rate nations cannot manufacture it successfully. Scientific and mechanical ability of a high order is required in making first-class gunpowder. The same is true of fire-arms. The Chinese were the first to use gun-powder generally, and they still make and use it extensively; but Chinese powder is very crude compared with that of American or even English manufacture."

The Chinese formerly used powder in war-fare in those villianous missiles called stink-pots. A stink-pot has the general appearance of a cocoanut. The shell is of paper and is filled with pitch and gun-powder. A fuse is inserted at one end and lighted. In a few seconds the missile explodes, and the burning pitch is scattered in all directions. They float fuse end up, and, as it is almost impossible to extinguish the fuse, you can form some idea of the destruction they were capable of causing when tossed among the flimsy bamboo shipping of the Chinese.

"Gunpowder and the finest quality of blasting powder are made of three parts of saltpetre and one part of charcoal and brimstone in equal quantities. In the cheaper grades of blasting powder, nitrate of soda is substituted for saltpetre. The largest beds of saltpetre are in Hindustan, and for a long time the English had complete control over the saltpetre market. The principal deposits of nitrate of soda are in Chili, near the boundaries of Peru. Some years ago an experimenting American discovered that when nitrate of soda, which is obtained for less than a cent a pound in Chili, is mixed with muriate of potash, which is procured at a nominal expense in Germany, the result is a complete change of their bases, and the products are nitrate of potash, or saltpetre, and muriate of soda or common salt. Through this happy discovery two products, each many more times valuable than the original materials, were secured, and the British monopoly with its exorbitant prices was broken. The essential ingredient of gunpowder, as of nitro-glycerine and several other explosives, is nitric acid.

The oldest American firm manufacturing gunpowder has been in existence nearly 90 years, during which time its name has not changed. Its founders were Frenchmen. It is not a partnership nor a corporation—simply a family. It is worth probably $30,000,000. The sons are educated to various occupations and professions in which they will be of use to the company. At the age of 21 they are taken into the business, but must sign agreements binding them to never ask for a division of the proceeds or estate. During their lives they are given all the money they require, and at their deaths the widows are handsomely pensioned until they remarry. Some of the young men become civil engineers, some chemists, some lawyers. A famous American admiral was of the family. An employe is rarely discharged, except for flagrant incompetence, and at his death his widow is pensioned, and his children, if intelligent and capable, are brought up to follow their father's footsteps. For years this family or community held complete control of the powder market, and succeeded in crushing every new powder manufacturer. Once during the late war they professed that their mills were inadequate to their orders, and made what appeared to be a very fair contract with a rival manufacturer, by which he agreed to furnish them within a stipulated time a large amount of powder, which they, in turn, were to sell to the government. Immediately upon the signing of the contract the powerful firm bought up every pound of saltpetre in the United States and contracted for all that could be shipped from Europe for months to come, so that their victim could only procure this essential material through the firm with which he had bound himself by contract. Ruin stared him in the face, but the company released him from the contract upon his agreeing to certain concessions very advantageous to them. A New York company now makes more powder than this company but the latter is still the wealthiest in America. Its mills are in Delaware. In the manufacture of powder Pennsylvania stands first, New York second, and Ohio third."—*New York Sun.*

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Speak gently; it is better far
To rule by love than fear;
Speak gently! let no harsh words mar
The good we might do here.

Speak gently! Love doth whisper low
The vows that true hearts bind;
And gently friendship's accents flow—
Affection's voice is kind.

Speak gently to the little child;
Its love be sure to gain;
Teach it in accents soft and mild,
It may not long remain.

Speak gently to the young, for they
Will have enough to bear;
Pass through the world as best they may
'Tis full of anxious care.

Speak gently to the aged one;
Grieve not the care-worn heart;
The sands of life are nearly run;
Let such in peace depart.

Speak gently, kindly to the poor,
Let no harsh tone be heard;
They have enough they must endure,
Without an unkind word.

Speak gently to the erring, though
They may have toiled in vain,
Perchance unkindness made them so;
Oh! win them back again.

Speak gently; He who gave his life
To bend man's stubborn will,
When elements were fierce in strife,
Said to them, "Peace, be still!"

Speak gently; 'tis a little thing
Dropped in the heart's deep well;
The good, the joy that it may bring,
Eternity shall tell.

SAM MULTIPLE'S SCHEME.

For a town house, the Multiples were content with a modest flat in the neighborhood of Victoria street. Sam had purchased a fine place in the country, but he and his wife liked to come up to town occasionally for a little mild dissipation and relaxation from the restraints of country society. Mrs. Multiple had once been a well-known and popular actress, and Sam himself had an undercurrent of Bohemianism in his nature, so that they were both delighted to escape periodically from the imposing grandeur of their country seat. In a suite of six or eight rooms, with half that number of servants to wait upon them, they were able to enjoy to their hearts' content the pleasures and attractions of the metropolis freed from domestic cares and worries. Mrs. Multiple revisited the scenes of her former triumphs, and, so far as her husband permitted, renewed acquaintance with old theatrical friends, while Sam made mysterious excursions into the city, from which he invariably returned looking more radiant and prosperous than ever.

One morning Mrs. Multiple, who had gone out alone to do some shopping before lunch, came in looking so pale and agitated, that her husband immediately inquired what had happened.

"I have been followed again by that horrible man who had the impudence to speak to me yesterday," she said, with a nervous laugh.

"You don't say so!" exclaimed Sam, indignantly, as he started to his feet.

"He followed me all the way down the street, almost to the door," Mrs. Multiple said. "Don't do anything rash, Sam," she cried, as her husband rushed to the window.

"Is that the man? Look, Loo, quick!" exclaimed Sam Multiple, excitedly.

"Yes. There! he saw you, Sam, and is jumping into a cab," said Mrs. Multiple, peeping through the lace curtains.

"I know him," growled Sam, as he watched the cab drive off. "You are highly honored, my love. That is the Hon. Martin Choke, brother of Lord Jugular, and related to half the swells in the peerage."

"Then he ought to be all the more ashamed of himself," said Mrs. Multiple, untying her bonnet strings with an angry jerk. "I am not a nervous person, but he quite frightened me."

"He is one of those depraved and vicious old men—for he must be getting on to sixty, though he is excellently made up—who are a disgrace to civilization," said Sam, who was evidently more seriously annoyed and indignant than he cared to confess. "He goes about insulting helpless ladies and girls with his odious attentions, and renders the streets of London absolutely unsafe in broad daylight."

"Somebody ought really to give him in charge," remarked Mrs. Multiple. "I felt strongly tempted to do so myself."

"Why didn't you?" inquired Sam, putting up his eyeglass.

"Oh, well! I didn't like to make a fuss, and, besides, think of the scandal and unpleasantness," replied Mrs. Multiple.

"Yes, I know! The scoundrel guesses all that. Besides, no great harm would happen to him even if he were charged. The influence of his titled friends and relatives would be brought to bear upon the magistrate, the proceedings would be treated as a joke, a garbled report—if any—would appear in the papers, and the only person who would suffer would be his unfortunate victim, by having her name brought before the public in connection with an unpleasant affair. No, it doesn't pay to prosecute in these cases," added Sam, shaking his head.

"I wonder he has never been thrashed!" exclaimed little Mrs. Multiple, full of virtuous indignation.

"So he has; but you see, he is getting an old man. A [illegible]genarian is tolerably safe from personal violence," said Sam, moodily.

"Then it seems he can pursue his disgraceful conduct with impunity," exclaimed Mrs. Multiple.

"So he has found, I expect. But the time, Loo, I fancy, he has caught a Tartar. If we don't [illegible] to give him a lesson between us, I will eat my hat," said Sam, brisking up.

"Is it worth while Sam? I am quite capable of taking care of myself," said Mrs. Multiple, suddenly mistrusting her husband's intentions.

"Yes, it is worth while," replied Sam, looking unusually grave. "It is a duty which every man and woman owes to society, or rather to the community, to help to scotch and stamp out these cowardly pests. Now, Loo, I've an idea, and you mustn't refuse me your assistance. We shall both of us have to do a little bit of acting, but that will remind you of old times."

Sam Multiple lighted a cigarette and proceeded to unfold the plan which he had concocted for the Hon. Martin Choke's edification. Mrs. Multiple was startled at first, but her husband soon overcame her objections, and imbued her with his enterprising spirit.

The next day Mrs. Multiple repeated her shopping expedition, and returned home with her elderly admirer in tow. The Hon. Martin Choke might well have been suspicious of the lady's sudden graciousness. Instead of shunning him as heretofore, she had permitted him to speak to her, and had even invited him to lunch in her husband's absence. But when a man is strongly convinced of his powers of fascination, he does not easily divine he is being trifled with. It did not seem to enter Mr. Choke's head that Mrs. Multiple was acting a part, and he followed her with a smiling, self-satisfied, and complacent mien.

Mrs. Multiple led the way into the snug apartment where she and Sam had conspired together the day before, and invited her gallant to be seated. Her manner was so perfectly easy and natural, that Mr. Choke was more than ever impressed with the belief that he had made a conquest; but, almost before he had time to open a conversation, a thundering knock was heard at the street door.

"My husband!" exclaimed Mrs. Multiple, starting up, with an excellent appearance of horror and amazement.

"I thought you said he was out," said Mr. Choke, uneasily.

"But he has returned. It is his knock. Gracious heavens! what shall I do?" cried Mrs. Multiple, rushing frantically to the window, and wringing her hands.

"My dear lady, there is no cause for alarm," said Mr. Choke, recovering his presence of mind. "You have only to introduce me as an old friend whom you knew before your marriage."

"This is dreadful! Horrible!" cried Mrs. Multiple, in a frantic state, too frightened, apparently, to listen to reason. "He will not be deceived, and evidently watched me. He saw you from the window yesterday, and told me who you were."

"Pray calm yourself, madam. You will betray yourself, and me too if you go on in that fashion," said Mr. Choke, getting alarmed at the state of affairs; while the sound of the knocker reverberated a second time through the house.

"There! The man is opening the street door," cried Mrs. Multiple, who had worked herself into a perfect frenzy. "He is coming in. Here! You must hide instantly," she added, suddenly throwing open the door of a small boudoir adjoining, as though by an after-thought.

"I assure you, dear madam, there is no occasion," protested Mr. Choke.

There is! My—my reputation is at stake," cried Mrs. Multiple, vehemently.

"But the servant who opens the door——."

"He will hold his tongue. If my husband does not see you his suspicions will be allayed," said Mrs. Multiple. "I will lock you in and give the key to the butler. You shall be released as soon as you can safely leave."

There was no time for further parley, and Mr. Choke somewhat reluctantly yielded to the lady's urgent entreaties and stepped into the boudoir. The door had no sooner closed upon him than Sam Multiple burst into the room and confronted his wife with a terrible aspect. The scene that ensued had been carefully rehearsed, and was well calculated to deceive the anxious listener. Sam vowed and declared that he had seen a man enter the house, and, in spite of his wife's eager denial, he continued to upbraid her fiercely. His rage and jealousy were so great that he swore he would strangle the intruder; and he certainly succeeded in impressing Mr. Choke with a wholesome dread of meeting him in his present mood. Fortunately, Mrs. Multiple's indignant protestations of innocence seem to disarm him, and he gradually grew calmer, though it was evident that he was still angrily suspicious. With considerable ingenuity his wife at length prevailed upon him to accompany her into an adjoining apartment, and poor Mr. Choke felt unspeakably grateful to her for providing for his escape.

"Well, Loo, how did I do it?" inquired Sam, with a grin, as soon as they were out of earshot of their prisoner.

"Very well indeed, Sam. I believe you would make a good actor, my dear," said his wife, sinking into a chair from sheer exhaustion.

"By Jove! Loo. You were first rate," said Sam admiringly, mopping his forehead. "I shouldn't care, though, to play the jealous husband every day in the week. It's infernally fatiguing. Thanks, my love. I think I will take a B and S."

"What is to happen next?" inquired Mrs. Multiple, as she handed the grateful draught to her husband.

"I think we can now proceed," said Sam, after imbibing the refreshments he needed. "Hi! Simmonds!" he roared in a voice of thunder, audible all over the premises.

"You will frighten poor Mr. Choke out of his wits, Sam," said Mrs. Multiple, putting her hands to her ears.

"Serve him right," said Sam, spitefully. "Simmonds! Bring me my revolver!" he shouted with increased vigor.

The butler made his appearance, bearing no weapon, but carrying over his arm a suit of livery. The twinkle in his eye plainly showed that he appreciated the serio-comic drama that was being enacted.

"Now, Simmonds, do you recollect what you have to do?" inquired Sam.

"Yes, sir," answered the butler, promptly; "I'm to say that you've locked the street door and put the key in your pocket."

"Exactly. I'm still raging with jealousy, remember, and wouldn't hesitate to kill anyone I found on the premises," said Sam, impressively. "You must look agitated and frightened yourself, you know."

"Bear in mind, Simmonds, that you are risking your place in order to assist him to escape," interposed Mrs. Multiple.

"Yes, and the only plan you can think of is to pass him off as a friend of yours, who has stepped in to have a chat," added Sam.

"Don't overdo the part," said Mrs. Multiple earnestly.

"No! and you must be realistic; a £5 note wouldn't be too much to ask for the service you are rendering him," said Sam, with a wink.

"I'll make a point of that, sir," returned the butler.

"He surely won't consent to disguise himself in a livery!" said Mrs. Multiple, incredulously, when the butler had departed on his errand.

"He will, if Simmonds carries out my instructions," answered Sam, with confidence. "It will be explained to him that otherwise he will have to remain where he is all night, with the risk of detection."

"And you propose to turn him out into the street dressed like a lacquey?" exclaimed Mrs. Multiply.

"Not only so, but I shall take care that his wife sees him," said Sam complacently.

"His wife! Is he married man?" cried Mrs. Multiple in amazement.

"Very much so; and, from all accounts, Mrs. Choke curls his venerable whiskers for him," answered Sam.

Before Mrs. Multiple had time to express her astonishment at this information, the butler entered the room, crimson with suppressed laughter.

"He's a putting of 'em on," he exclaimed, with a spasmodic burst, which he smothered with his hand.

"Hush! you idiot," whispered Sam, with a furious gesture. "Have you frightened him?"

"He was trembling like a leaf when I went in," said the butler, composing his countenance with difficulty. "He had just heard you call for a revolver. He wouldn't hear of putting on the livery coat at first, though he swore he would do anything rather than remain in the house. I persuaded him by saying I would bring his own clothes to him if he would wait at the nearest public-house where he could change."

"Quite right," said Sam, nodding approvingly. "Now go and hurry him up. Don't give him time for reflection."

The butler disappeared again, and Sam commenced to arrange his somewhat disordered attire preparatory to starting off on his expedition. Mr. Choke had evidently lost no time in disguising himself, for a moment later stealthy footsteps were audible in the passage. In an instant Sam had bounded out, and came face to face with Mr. Choke, who started back as though he had been stung.

"Hullo! What does this mean?" exclaimed Sam, fiercely.

"Please, sir, it's a friend of mine," said the butler with promptitude. "I was just agoin' to ask you for the key to let him out."

"What do you mean, sir, by having friends at this time of day?" cried Sam, as though glad of an excuse to vent his ill humor. "Why, the fellow must have been here two hours and more. Where does your master live?" he inquired, addressing Mr. Choke abruptly.

The latter was evidently quite unprepared for this question, but Sam's manner was so peremptory that he had no opportunity of considering his reply. He mentioned the name of a street in dangerous proximity to the one in which he resided, apparently because it came to his mind first.

"I'll speak to you afterwards, Simmonds," said Sam, taking his hat from the stand with an impulsive movement, "and as for you, sir, I shall accompany you home and complain to your master. I don't choose to have other people's servants lurking for hours about my house, and I have no doubt your master will be gratified to hear how you waste your time."

Sam did not wait to observe the effect upon Mr. Choke of this startling announcement. The fact was he hardly dared trust himself to look at him, for after a single glance at her unfortunate admirer Mrs. Multiple had retired with precipitation into the background, and Sam feared every moment that her mirth would prove infectious. He therefore hastened to unlock the door, and Mr. Choke followed him into the street, apparantly in a dazed frame of mind. But all of a sudden the unfortunate man seemed to realize his position. He stared, glanced nervously around him, and then put up his hand to hail a cab.

"Hi! What are you about?" cried Sam. "I don't want a cab. It is a short distance, and I prefer to walk. You lead the way and I will follow."

Mr. Choke looked painfully undecided for a moment, and glanced at Sam as though he meditated making an appeal to him. He checked himself, however, and started off with an air of desperation down the street at a rapid pace. Sam followed more leisurely at a little distance, keeping him well in sight, and evidently keenly enjoying the episode.

What Mr. Choke's feelings were was not difficult to conjecture. He shambled along, with his eyes upon the pavement, overwhelmed with confusion, and keenly conscious of his ridiculous appearance. The clothes he wore were many sizes too small for him, and though the livery was of the quietest description, the brass buttons and the striped waistcoat were unpleasantly conspicuous. Possibly he may have consoled himself with the reflection that he was not likely to be recognized in such a garb, but if so he was cruelly mistaken. Sam had arranged that half a dozen irreverent young members of the club to which Mr. Choke belonged should be on the alert, and the consequence was that the poor wretch met more of his acquaintances in a short distance than he had ever done before in his life. But at Sam's particular request none of them gave any outward sign of recognition, so that the victim was spared the anticipation of the endless chaff and ridicule which awaited him.

Sam had guessed, from the resolute manner in which Mr. Choke hurried along, that he had resolved to adopt the wisest course under the circumstances, and make the best of his way home, without wasting the time in futile attempts to elude or shake off his persecutor. He was, therefore, not surprised when Mr. Choke passed without stopping along the street which he had given as his address, and turned his steps desperately towards his own residence. On reaching his destination, he paused on the door-step, and turned round to Sam.

"This is the house," he murmured, as the latter came up.

For a single moment Sam felt soft-hearted and inclined to be merciful. Mr. Choke's piteous expression was more touching than the most eloquent appeal. But the recollection of the man's gratuitously insulting conduct to his wife decided him not to falter in his purpose. He, therefore, said quietly:

"Very well; I will speak to your master."

Mr. Choke gave a kind of gasp, and proceeded to unlock the door with a latch-key. He probably intended, in the comparative security of his own house, to reveal his identity and to get rid of Sam before Mrs. Choke came down. But, unluckily they had no sooner entered the hall, than a severe-looking elderly lady appeared at the top of the staircase. The instant she perceived Mr. Choke she threw up her hands and exclaimed:

"Good heavens, Martin! What is the meaning of this?"

"Pardon me for intruding, madam," said Sam, advancing politely, "but I have a complaint to make against your man. He has been hiding in my house for the last two hours, and I am sure you will consider his conduct no less reprehensible than I do. I don't wish to insinuate that he had any felonious intentions, but I fear he came after my maid-servant, and I particularly object to love-making on my premises."

As Mrs. Choke seemed transfixed with horror and indignation at her husband's misconduct, Sam took the opportunity to retire, deeming that he had said enough to leave the Hon. Martin in a very considerable fix. He therefore placed his card on the hall table and disappeared, perfectly satisfied with the issue of his scheme.—*London Truth.*

TWO MASSACHUSETTS CONGRESSMEN.

Mary Clemmer, in her Washington letter to the *Independent*, gives the following pen pictures of two Massachusetts men in Washington:

"Massachusetts has honored her best traditions in the latest men she has sent to the House of Representatives. John D. Long already sits at his desk hard at work, with an at-home look, as if he had sat there always. A man somewhat below medium hight, but with a firm, strong poise of big head, which expresses power and energy. He has the jaw that compels, that never fails, and above it fine, strong features and a kindly countenance. This famous governor of Massachusetts needs no 'description'. His mental and personal characteristics are stamped on the hearts of his constituents, and Massachusetts never forgets her sons in Washington.

"Another member from Massachusetts whose advent in Washington is to its positive advantage is Hon. Theodore Lyman. It is told of Mr. Lyman that the beginning of the civil war found him in Europe traveling for pleasure—a youth just graduated from Harvard. True to himself and to his country, he hastened home, entered the the army, fought in his place in its battles till the war ended. He is now a man of middle life, a man of cultivation, and elegant pursuits, committed to every good cause, and thus equipped he for the first time enters his country's service as a legislator in Congress, an honor to his state. The value of such a character and such a life in Washington cannot be measured.

"Mr. Lyman has purchased a favorite homestead of Washington, along the center of an hospitality as refined and exquisite as the capitol city ever saw—the Hon. Thomas B. Bryan, the former chief commissioner of the District of Columbia. In this home, thronged with every delightful memory, Mr. Lyman has established his family, thus adding another to the already numerous households of this city which invite you, if, happily, you are a guest, to share with them everything that is exalting and delightful in domestic life, albeit such homes to this time have found no representatives in novels of Washington society."

DON'T SUPPORT ANY PAPER.

Whenever you hear a man who is standing around the street corners and in public places denouncing his home paper, and wishing some one would come to the city and "run a good paper," you can safely wager your last cent, with a certainty of doubling your working capital, that that man is one of the kind who don't support any paper. The names of that class of hybrids are usually found on the "dead beat" ledger of any newspaper office when it first opens up, and tell the editors who the "mean men" of the community are, and try to impress upon his mind an idea of their extraordinary importance as political factors. They usually subscribe for a paper, which they seldom pay for, but because they do this they want the editor to accept unqualifiedly their *dictum* as to the policy of the paper. If the editor has sense enough to run a paper he recognizes their true character and lets them alone, and they go whining around the community that the paper is of no account and not worth reading, and whine about getting "a good paper" started. —*Central City (Col.) Register-Call.*

A cent isn't much if it stands a lonely, solitary cent; it is the aggregation of cents that count.

Logic.

I. Her Respectable Papa's.

"My dear, he sensible! Upon my word,
This—for a woman, even—is absurd.
His income's not a hundred pounds, I know.
He's not worth loving."—"But I love him so."

II. Her Mother's.

"You silly child, he is well made and tall;
But looks are far from being all in all.
His social standing's low, his family's low.
He's not worth loving."—"And I love him so."

III. Her Eternal Friend's.

"Is that he picking up the fallen fan?
My dear, he's such an awkward, ugly man!
You must be certain, pet, to answer 'No.'
He's not worth loving."—"And I love him so."

IV. Her Brother's.

"By Jove! were I a girl—through horrid hap—
I wouldn't leave a milk-and-water chap.
The man has not a single spark of 'go.'
He's not worth loving."—"Yet I love him so."

V. Her Own.

"And were he everything to which I've listened;
Though he were ugly, awkward (and he isn't)
Poor, lowly-born, and destitute of "go,"
He *is* worth loving, for I love him so."
—*Chamber's Journal.*

LOSS OF CAPITAL IN PRINTING PRESSES.

People who are not printers have no conception of the destruction of capital that goes on in printing offices. The evolution of the printing press has been a rapid one, and many have been the improvements in its parts. The press that could print two or three thousand newspapers an hour was outrivaled by one that could turn out four thousand, and this one by another with a capacity of ten thousand; and so they were improved and grew in working power, until the best presses now print twenty-five to thirty thousand an hour, and, by duplication of stereotype plates, more than twice that number. There has been a change from the press fed by hand to the one printing on a continuous roll of paper; and while the former presses made an impression on one side only of the sheet, both sides are now printed at once. A device of of recent years, also, enables the publisher of a newspaper to cut the sheet of a quarto into two parts, and to paste them together; so that the four leaves of a paper may be turned over like the leaves of a book, being a great convenience to readers, and an advantage to advertisers. With all these improvements taking place, newspaper publishers cannot lag behind them. Such is the sharp competition among newspapers, that their publishers seize upon every advantage, and when this is done, no rival can afford to have an inferior equipment, and all rivals hasten to provide themselves with machines that are the best. So rapid have been the improvements in printing machinery, that competition among the publishers of newspapers has compelled them to frequently throw out less perfect machines, and replace them with those having the latest improvements. The sacrifice of capital entailed by these changes is enormous. A New York daily newspaper publisher, some time ago, bought from Messrs. R. Hoe & Co., presses for $300,000; improvements since then have made those machines so comparatively unserviceable, that recently they were taken out by the manufacturers and replaced by the best machines of present construction. An allowance of only $1,250 was made for the old presses, which were not so very old, either; the amount representing hardly more than their value as old iron. A leading Boston newspaper has just ordered a new press of best make, to take the place of a press only several years old, the old press, of course, being almost a dead loss. These instances illustrate how instrumental in destroying capital the progress in the making of printing machinery has been: the ratio being, the greater the improvements, the greater the loss of capital. Such an immense loss as $300,000 in one newspaper establishment, in a few years, can be endured only upon the rapid reproduction of capital, and how this can take place in such large degree, considering the competition among newspapers, is not easy to understand. These losses fall as well upon the printing establishments of jobbers and book publishers, though not so heavily as upon those of newspaper publishers, but the jobbers must feel them severely, such is the competition among them, and the cutting of prices.—*Paper World.*

THE WABASH STYLE.

The secretary of a Western railroad corporation, who laid his yearly report on the desk of the president the first of the year, was asked what kind of showing he had made.

"Taking the whole of the year we have run $75,000 behind expenses, sir."

"How about the first six months?"

"Why, we cleared about $30,000. The first six months of the year with us always shows a profit, but the last six pulls us down."

"Exactly. Please cut your report in halves. We'll publish the first six months for the benefit of people looking for paying stocks and we'll keep the next six here to show to stockholders who come to inquire why we don't pay dividends."—*Wall Street News.*

A GOOD NAME.—Oh, yes, my son, a good name is more to be desired than great riches, because it insures the riches. So long as your name is good, your paper is bankable without any other man's endorsement. But it takes a gilt-edged signature to be good in the eyes of the cashier in these days, my boy. And remember that a "fair to middling" name isn't good, not by a long shot. And a "tolerably good" name isn't any good, any more than a "tolerably good" egg is good. The "good name" the wise man meant is just simply a plain, unqualified and simple Good, but it's Good with a big G, son."—*Burdette.*

The United States is the greatest raisin-consuming country in the world, and uses annually more raisins than the whole of Europe. This market is mainly supplied from Spain, the raisins known as "Malagas" being considered the best.

The Journal.

FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 18, 1884.

CHARLES READE, the English novelist, died at his home in London last Friday, in his 70th year. He had been in poor health for two or three years.

CONGRESSMAN MORRISON of Illinois thinks our Gov. Robinson "a very likely dark horse" in the presidential campaign. The lightning could not strike in a better place.

GOV. ROBINSON sent in his first veto message to the Legislature on Tuesday, returning to the House the bill authorizing the town of Watertown to incur an indebtedness of $250,000 for a water supply. The governor objects to the provision allowing the town to accept the measure by a majority vote, instead of the usual two-thirds, as he sees no good reason for making an exception to this salutary rule in this case.

OUR Governor is something of a joker, it seems. On the 8th of March, President Bruce of the Senate, in a speech before the New England club, poked fun at the governor because of his fears of a long session, and said that the members of the Legislature would be at their homes before the grass on the state house lawn was two inches high. The other day Gov. Robinson sent Mr. Bruce a note, calling his attention to his prophesy, inclosing specimens of grass full six inches high, cut that morning from the aforesaid lawn, and inviting him to "join in reflections upon these circumstances." We presume the governor will have a chance to obtain several more specimens of tall grass before the Legislature will get away.

PENNSYLVANIA has elected Blaine delegates to the Republican national convention, New Jersey and Delaware have done likewise, and the "plumed knight" is picking up quite a number of delegates through the country, though he hasn't the ghost of a chance of securing the nomination. President Arthur's chances of a renomination are also fast slipping away, his own state failing to give him anything like united support. Illinois is nominally in favor of the nomination of Logan, but he will have little following outside of his state. All things considered, Senator Edmunds's prospects of securing the nomination are as good to-day as his friends could hope for, and it is more and more evident that his nomination will insure a Republican victory next November.

THIS, THAT, AND THE OTHER.

A very pretty hand—four aces.

Young ladies now study vocal music to tone up their system.

When a man buys a quart of whisky he always gets full measure.

"In murmured accents soft and low" the old man said, as he gently called the dog.

"I'm in for it now," as the fellow said when the door of the cell was locked on him.

"Kiss Me as I Fall Asleep" a new song is entitled. Not until we find out what yon've been cating; oh, no.

Navigation will open in Palmer on the first of May, at which time a large fleet of schooners may be expected.

"Am I not entitled to a discharge?" the gun said after being loaded. And then it had to kick about it when it was given.

Gertrude wants to know at what time the swallows will be here. One week from next Thursday, or May 1st, this year, Gert.

"Time flies," shrieks an exchange at the conclusion of an article. Strange, isn't it, that we never heard of it before? When did it learn the accomplishment?

Nothing will make a man lose all interest in religion quicker than to drop a gold dollar into the contribution box for a cent, and discover the mistake just as the box goes ont of his reach.

In Switzerland a cheese is sometimes made when a child is born, and not cut until the funeral, 70 years afterward. Should think they'd have a mitey lively time when they did tackle it.

Did you ever notice that a young lady will play almost any game at cards but that of "old maid?" There is such a suggestiveness about a possibility, you know, which she can't bear to think of.

A girl who has an engineer for a fellow says he is always trying to throttle her, and she thinks she'll be obliged to break off the engagement. She says she wouldn't be coupled to him for anything.

"What comes after Easter?" is the question which "William" wants us to answer. That's easy, Will, and if you're a married man you'll know in a day or two, without any asking—the bill for the Easter bonnets.

We have received a poem commencing "Do not waste the spring-time moments." After a glance at the first line we took the author's advice and did not waste any, although we did the manuscript.

By the way, where's that fellow who was going to have a red-hot electric wave burn up this country on the 7th? None of our bills sent out the first of the month have been paid yet, and we suspect they were put off in the hopes that we should not have an opportunity to send them again. We'll make a red-hot wave for that fellow if we run across him.

An editor's wife to his sanctum had come
One beautiful morning in May,
Asking for a new bonnet,
With birds and flow'rs on it,
To be ready for next Sabbath day.

The editor unto his wife made reply,
And these are the words he did say:
"I would like to, my dear,
But can not, it is clear,
For the devil and all is to pay."

"Why does a man grow old faster than a woman?" asks a man who is well along in years. That's easy. A woman's 21st birthday always follows her 22d, while with a man it is just the reverse. Then again a woman will remain 21 for three or four years, and then can't get past 20 for her life, while a man keeps piling up the age and wrinkles without the least sign of a stay in the proceedings. There are cases on record where men have died at the good old age of three score and ten, before women who were born in the same year had passed their teens.

LOCAL NOTICES.

Milligan shows a larger variety of gent's fine shoes than is often found in this vicinity.

If the inquiry "Who is ahead?" relates to the largest assortment and lowest prices in paper hangings, a comparison will show that Wood is; but if it means "Who charges the highest prices?" we freely admit the other fellow is. Test it.

Notice—Free Exhibition—All interested in the coming fluid of the future are requested to call at Dr. Downing's after 6 o'clock Saturday evening, and investigate the matter. We burn 10 gallons of water to one of oil. Cheap, clean and harmless. No smoke, no smell, no ashes, no work.

PALMER AND VICINITY.

Barefooted boys have blossomed.

The parasol season opened yesterday.

It is reported that several Palmer girls are to form partnerships for life next month.

Many of the church goers rather rushed the season last Sunday, and white neckties were numerous.

The homestead of the late Waterman Fuller is to be sold at auction next Thursday at 1 o'clock p. m.

Rev. E. A. Perry has moved from Central street to the house on the corner of Thorndike and Pine streets.

E. H. Converse of New York city is the banner subscriber thus far, his subscription to the JOURNAL being paid up to July 4th, 1887.

The ladies' society of the Congregational church will meet this afternoon and evening at the house of S. H. Hellyar on North Main street.

The trotting stallion "Hersey," owned by C. E. Tanner, formerly of this place, has been sold to Boston parties. The price was $3800.

Rev. Mr. Hunter of the Congregational church lectures next Sunday evening to young men. The subject will be, "The cost of a trip to Tarshish."

A young man from Canada was unfortunate enough to lose his entire stock of funds, some $60, while changing cars at this place this morning.

We received a short call from Editor Williams of the *Amherst Record* just as we were going to press last week. Do so some more and stay longer.

This village hasn't been treated to a runaway, a fire, or a first-class scandal in several months. Keep up a good heart, however; there'll be hot times here after the first of May.

Howorth's Hibernica appears at Wales Hall next Wednesday evening, in "Muldoon's Frolics, or an Irish-American's Troubles in Ireland." The company is a good one, and ought to have a good house.

About the busiest, sauciest, loudest little fellow just at this time is the English sparrow. No corner or crevice is free from his investigation, and the amount of litter he will manage to make while building his nest is wonderful.

At a Republican caucus held at the district court room Wednesday evening S. S. Taft, H. E. W. Clark and O. B. Smith were chosen delegates to the state convention at Boston, and C. L. Gardner, Silas Ruggles and F. A. Packard to the district convention at Chester.

Wilson Lawrence has much improved the looks of his place on the corner of Thorndike and Pleasant streets by removing the fence next the street. If more of the house owners would follow this example, the looks of the village would be greatly improved.

Three men halted in front of our office yesterday morning, and after a foraging expedition through their pockets raked up enough for one drink. They then "tossed up" to see who should have it, and the lucky one started in search of "suthin' warmin'," while the other two walked slowly and sadly along.

At a recent meeting of St. Paul's parish, it was voted to offer the free use of rooms in the vestry of the church for a reading room. This makes two offers of free rooms, and the matter ought to be taken into consideration by our citizens, as it is not often that such opportunities are offered.

The second grand ball of the Palmer Wire Workers will be held at Wales Hall this evening, when all who wish an opportunity to dance can be accommodated to the extent of their desires, as dancing will continue until four o'clock in the morning, there being 41 figures on the programme. Prof. Boyd's orchestra will furnish music.

Not a very large company attended the donation party at Rev. Mr. Hunt's last Tuesday evening, on account of the unpleasant weather. Mr. Hunt says the donation part was all right, but is not satisfied with the social part, and requests his friends to call on him next Tuesday evening for a social time, or if stormy on Wednesday evening.

The number of applications for licenses to sell intoxicating liquors in this town is 30, and of this number 16 are in this village. If we mistake not some of these will get left, as a number of the applications are for licenses to be exercised in rooms in houses which are occupied as dwellings, and according to the law no such license should be granted.

As one of our young business men was rushing along Main street last Tuesday morning with his head down to keep the dust out of his eyes, he suddenly came in collision with a young lady who had just come out of the post office. Of course he was very profuse in his apologies, but hereafter will undoubtedly keep his eyes in a position to see where he is walking. Besides, he says it dosn't improve a derby hat to use it as a battering-ram.

Two little boys called Steve and Ned, both sons of lawyers of this place, were playing together the other day, when Steve remarked that he had heard some one say that Ned's father—who is slightly aldermanic—looked like a Catholic priest. Ned did not think much of this, and could not rest easy until he got a chance to pay Steve back. This he finally did by telling him that he had heard it remarked that Steve's father—who is noted for the length of his hair—looked like a tramp. Rather hard on the lawyers, wasn't it?

The selectmen give notice in another column that they will be in session at the town house next Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, to hear objections against granting licenses to any of those who have made application. As the law provides that a license shall not be granted if the owner of the adjoining property shall make a protest in writing to the selectmen, there is an opportunity for several of our citizens to do the town a good turn by making such protests, and thereby decreasing the number of licenses in our midst. Don't be afraid to do it, gentlemen.

With the approach of warm weather comes the disagreeable thought to the business men of this place that they must either keep their store doors tightly closed during the heated term, or else have their goods covered and stores filled with the dust which is sure to abound so thickly. We ought to have a watering cart. Nearly every village of this size has enterprise enough to have its streets sprinkled during the dry and dusty season, and we have no doubt but that if the thing were only tried once, our citizens would gladly support the experiment.

There is one man in town to whom the community ought to be extremely grateful, —in fact it is to him that they owe a debt of gratitude not easily repaid, for he has done what was never known to have been done before, and probably will never be known again. We do not know the name of this person, but we do know that many is the resident of this place who will call him blessed, and cherish sweet memories of him as long as they live. He is learning to play on a brass horn, but instead of doing his practicing in the village, he goes across the river, and there seated on a rock at the foot of the hill, he worries through the intricacies of do, re, mi, while only the faintest sounds can reach the ears of those on this side of the river.

The roadway this side of the Main street bridge over the Boston & Albany railroad has been filled in from six inches to a foot with loose sand this week. To us this seems to be a mistake. If the roadbed needs filling in, why not put on something which will make a good, hard road after it is packed down? As it is, a cloud of dust and a soft track will be the result in a few hours after a rain. Besides, in a number of places the road is raised higher than the sidewalk, and so graded as to make a gutter of the walk, the approach to the bridge being such as to carry the water from the road directly into the foot path and onto the sidewalk. This should not be. The aim should be to keep our sidewalks—where we have any—high enough so that the melting snow and drainage from the street will not flow upon them.

At the meeting of the Hampden Medical society at the Hotel Warwick, Springfield, on Tuesday. These officers were elected: President, Dr. G. S. Stebbins; vice president, Dr. A. F. Reed; secretary and treasurer, Dr. Geo. C. McClean; censors, Drs. David Clark, S. W. Hannum of Ludlow, Charles D. Brewer, J. C. Hubbard of Holyoke, and F. F. Doyle of Chicopee; councilors, Drs. M. M. Muttiver of Holyoke, T. F. Breck, George C. McClean, William Holbrook of Palmer, V. L. Owen, Geo. E. Fuller of Monson, and Geo. L. Woods; committee on ethics, Drs. A. S. McClean, S. F. Pomeroy and F. W. Chapin; reporter, C. P. Hooker; committee on trials, J. H. Waterman of Westfield; delegates to American medical association, Drs. S. W. Bowles, William G. Breck, T. L. Chapman, L. F. Humiston, of Holyoke, and Harlow Gamwell of Westfield. The society henceforth will have but three meetings a year, on third Tuesdays of January, April and September.

DISTRICT COURT.

April 16.—J. C. Stevens, of Monson, proprietor of the Monson House, for illegal liquor keeping; fined $50 and costs. Appealed.

Walter Stowell, clerk of Monson House, for illegal liquor selling; fined $50 and costs. Appealed.

18.—John Hammel of Three Rivers, for disturbing the peace; fined $5, and costs of $5.58.

AT THE RINK.

Not so large an audience as was expected or as ought to have been out, attended the rink last Saturday evening, but those who did go felt well repaid for so doing. Allison and O'Rourke are fine skaters, and gave a splendid exhibition, doing a number of difficult feats. The skating surface is small, and consequently some things were obliged to be omitted on that account, but the exhibition was far ahead of anything seen here before. The jumping over chairs was especially good, and the skating on toy wagons was very ludicrous.

To-morrow evening the band will be in attendance, and there will be an orange race for ladies. Enough entries have been secured already to guarantee an interesting race. There will also be an exhibition of fancy skating by a Springfield boy.

For one week from to-night—the 25th—Messrs. Allison and O'Rourke have been engaged to give another exhibition.

EASTER AT THE CHURCHES.

Last Sunday was as fine a day as could be wished for. The fine weather brought out a large share of the church-going community, and all the pastors had good audiences in the forenoon.

The floral decorations at the Congregational church were very fine. In the center at the rear of the platform was a large shield bearing a cross upon it, while the sides and back were a mass of brilliant-hued blossoms and foliage plants. Many calla lilies, petunias, geraniums, etc., were noticeable among the blossoms. The sermon by the pastor, Mr. Hunter, was a very able and impressive one on "The Resurrection," it being a continuance of his subject of the Sabbath before, when he preached on "The Crucifixion."

The audience room of the Universalist church was very neatly and tastefully decorated, almost every available spot being occupied by some flower or plant. In front of the pulpit was a handsome lyre, composed of evergreen and white blossoms, while at the right of the pulpit the altar table was covered with a large variety of blossoms. The rail in front of the choir and the windows were filled with plants in blossom. Rev. Mr. Perry's sermon was a memorial one of those who have died in this parish during his two-year's pastorate, of which there have been 12.

At the Baptist church the pulpit and platform were decorated with flowers, and an appropriate and instructive Easter sermon was preached by the pastor, Rev. O. R. Hunt.

The altar at St. Thomas' Catholic church was tastefully decorated with plants and cut flowers, and De Monti's favorite mass was finely rendered by the choir, the singing being especially good. The Easter collection was larger than ever before since Father Sullivan has had charge of the parish, he receiving over $300.

In the evening there were interesting Sunday school concerts at both the Universalist and Congregational churches.

BONDSVILLE.

The staging at Patrick Michael's house gave way the other day, throwing two men a distance of thirty feet to the ground. Fortunately neither was hurt.

LUDLOW.

About 100 of the friends and neighbors of Albert Lyon made him and his new wife a surprise visit last Friday evening, presenting them with many useful articles and a purse of money.

WEST BRIMFIELD.

Query: Where does all the lager go from this place east?

Lorenzo Rogers has moved to the farm owned by Miss M. Rogers.

Miss Jennie Powers has returned from Worcester, and reports a very pleasant visit.

C. L. Alexander is preparing for an active campaign in the brick making business here. He will retain John Butler in his employ as foreman. Mr. Butler has been foreman for A. W. Crossman & Son for a number of years, and understands the business thoroughly.

WARREN.

Miss Mather has her opening Friday and Saturday of this week.

The operetta "Red Riding Hood" was well rendered, and drew full houses.

The ladies' temperance union met with Mrs. Emery Shumway Thursday afternoon.

Miss Sybil Carter will speak at the Congregational church on the subject of "Mormonism" next Sabbath.

James Hill has bargained for the lot on Southbridge street, and it is hoped that a more favorable location will be found for the skating rink, as much opposition is felt to its being on that spot.

WALES.

Farmers have commenced their spring work.

Potatoes are plenty and some are feeding them to their stock.

If there is no pull back cattle will go to pasture early, as grass is starting finely.

The creditors of E. D. Shaw met at Palmer last Saturday to hear his statement, which reported liabilities about $28,000 and assets about $6000. It will take $2,500 to pay preferred claims, leaving $3,500 for unsecured creditors. His failure causes the valley mill to remain idle, and many employes are out of work.

WEST WARREN.

The drama given by the Earnest Workers division of the S. of T. was quite well attended, the division clearing some twenty-five dollars.

The farm, farming tools and stock of the late Julius Roberts were sold at auction Thursday, the farm bringing $2700. Most of the stock and tools brought good prices.

One of the amateur hen fanciers of the village has a large Plymouth Rock hen setting on four wooden eggs; has been at it four weeks; the result is anxiously awaited.

At the meeting of the Congregational society last Tuesday Geo. Bliss was chosen moderator, and Dr. J. P. Bixby clerk and treasurer; prudential committee, Geo. Bliss and C. L. Carter; three others were alternately elected for the third, and declined serving; collector, E. P. Clark; committee to supply the pulpit, Dr. Bixby, E. P. Clark and J. W. Lawrence; usher, E. P. Clark. A committee was appointed to construct and present some by-laws at some future meeting. The sale of pews will take place April 30th.

WILBRAHAM.

D. B. Merrick started for Kansas on Monday evening.

The Wesson farm has been leased to James Phelps.

Dr. Webber, who is to succeed Dr. Fosket, will commence practice next week.

The John Baldwin will case, which has been several years in the courts, has been settled.

The annual fair and ice cream festival of the Willing Workers will be held about the first of May.

Mr. Holman has leased the upper tenement in B. F. Squier's house and will take possession to-day.

The recent inventory of the Wesleyan Academy shows a surplus of $3500, after paying the year's expenses.

Dr. N. J. Burton of Hartford, Ct., delivered a lecture in Fisk Hall, Tuesday evening under the auspices of Philo Society.

The Wesleyan Academy Glee Club has been formed with H. D. Ballou as chorister and W. N. Prest as secretary and treasurer.

H. T. Buckingham has resigned his position as teacher at the academy, and Miss Etta Bosworth is to supply his place the remainder of the term.

Rev. George Mansfield, the new Methodist pastor, will not move into the parsonage at present. His daughter is a graduate of the high school in Springfield.

There were appropriate Easter sermons preached in both churches last Sunday, and in the evening the south church Sunday school had a very interesting Easter concert. Both churches were beautifully decorated with flowers.

A well known sportsman while out hunting recently with his dog, found a woodchopper's dinner pail overturned, at which said hunter's dog was busily engaged devouring the contents. Now the owner of the dinner pail declares that the hunter stole his dinner, but as the hunter is not that kind of a man, people don't take much stock in the accusation. He says the Hunter was too dainty to eat the Beans.

MONSON.

Rev. Albert Hammatt will lecture at Central Hall Sunday evening on "Savonarola."

The gentlemen of the M. E. church give a social in the vestry this evening, with clam chowder, etc.

A carriage tipped over at the foot of the academy hill last Saturday evening, but fortunately no one was hurt.

The house and lot of H. Marriott on North Main street will be sold at auction next Wednesday at 11 o'clock a. m.

A man in one of our churches a few Sundays ago was observed to put a five-cent piece in the contribution box and take out three cents change.

The Wyndham Amateur Comedy Company presented the "Streets of New York" in a very creditable manner to a full house last Monday evening. The parts were all well taken, and the club did itself much credit. After the drama a social dance was held, at which a large number enjoyed themselves.

The young ladies of the M. E. church, under the auspices of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, will give an entertainment next week Friday evening, April 25th, at the church vestry. The costumes of the different nations in mission fields will be represented with appropriate music. Tickets at the door.

An audience of 500 gathered at Central Hall Easter Sunday evening to listen to the concert given by the Universalist Sunday school. The exercises consisted of singing and responsive services by the choir and school, and the recitations were attentively listened to and appreciated by all. The declamations by the young men, Ricketts and Burdick, were pleasant features of the occasion, and well worthy of note. This flourishing school was organized six months ago with a membership of 20, which has increased to 100.

Not so very many Sundays ago a young man who lives in this town hired a team and took his way to a neighboring village to call on a young lady with whom he was acquainted. Now the lady had recently gone from this place to Bri—excuse us, the other town—and the gentleman did not know where she resided, so after a quiet smoke at the hotel he called for the "best team in the stable" and requested to be driven to the residence of Mrs. ——, naming the young lady's mother. The carriage was brought to the door, and after he was comfortably settled by the side of the driver, under the robes, he was driven just across the street, and set down at a house but a few steps from the hotel. We would like to tell you who it was, but are afraid the Chap 'll be mad if we do.

The *Republican* has this good item about Geo. W. Cable, the well-known novelist, who spent last Sunday in town:

The New Orleans novelist can make a good Sunday school address as well as write clever stories and crack April-fool jokes. Accompanied by Roswell Smith of the *Century* magazine, he spent Sunday with friends in Monson, attended the Congregational church and was invited to talk to the Sunday school in the afternoon. Mr. Cable's fondness for children is proverbial, and he accepted. In the course of his remarks he raised his hand, expanded the digits and said: "I have so many children at home. How many is that?" "Five," piped up a youngster promptly. "And half of them are girls," continued the speaker, staggering his audience with his apparant disregard of the truth. "How much is half of five?" asked Mr. Cable. "Two and a half," reproachfully replied a little miss in the front pew. "Yes," said the novelist, with a benignant smile as he saw that his reputation for veracity was fast slipping away, "two and a half of them are girls and the other two and a half, too—five girls." "Oh," gasped the little miss with a look of relief, and then a ripple of laughter bubbled up from the corner where the "bird's nest" class sat, floated over the backs of the pews, climbed into the gallery and died away in the organ loft.

WARE AND VICINITY.

Interesting to dog owners—the annual license fee is soon due.

Henry O. Caryl has received the appointment of deputy sheriff.

Rev. Geo. B. Cutler is supplying the Congregational church at Thorndike.

E. E. Moore dislocated his shoulder on Tuesday while hitching a yoke of oxen.

The reading room of the young men's library association has closed for this season.

At the chapel next Sunday evening Dr. Perkins will discuss the new Congregational creed.

The people of the Methodist church gave their pastor a hearty welcome on his return to them for another year.

Next Sabbath Rev. H. Matthews will resume the Sunday evening preaching service. Subject, "The Model Preacher."

The ladies of the Methodist society will serve their annual May supper in their vestry Thursday evening, May 1st.

The Clippers are to play their postponed game of base ball with a Springfield club next Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

There is but little said in reference to the Massachusetts Central railroad, but it is hoped that work will commence soon.

The road commissioners have purchased two yoke of oxen, preparatory to an early commencement of work on the highways.

H. C. Spooner & Co. have bought out the undertaking business of L. Hilton, which has been established here for many years.

The selectmen will give a hearing on the application for liquor licenses at Firemen's Hall next Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The hook and ladder company No. 1 are to give a grand dedication ball at the new skating rink on Friday evening, April 25th.

John J. Shay has bought out Thomas Kendrick of the Delavan House. Mr. Shay has had several years' experience in the hotel business, and proposes to keep a first-class house.

Since the writing of last week's item there have been two more applications for licenses: First class, Reilly & Connor, in basement of Lothrop's block, and sixth class, John Yale, at his drug store.

A pleasant family gathering was held at the residence of John W. Robinson on Thursday of last week, it being the 83d birthday of his mother, Mrs. Eliza Robinson. All her children were present, and all the grandchildren but two.

The romantic drama, "The Lady of Lyons," is in preparation under the direction of Wm. F. Wilson, to be presented at Music Hall next Thursday evening. This is an old drama, but has never been presented in this town. Miss Jessie Stewart of Boston has been engaged to take the part of Pauline. The part of Claude Melnotte is taken by Mr. Wilson, the other characters by local talent.

A tremendous explosion occurred in the basement of La Rose block on West street Thursday morning. It seems that in one of the tenements a cook stove stood close to the partition, the other side of which there was another tenement in which opposite the stove stood a barrel of beer which from some cause exploded with such force as to drive the head through the partition and entirely through the stove.

At the Republican caucus at Music Hall Tuesday evening Otis Lane, H. C. Davis and C. A. Stevens were chosen delegates to the state convention at Boston, and Henry O. Caryl, C. A. Stevens and L. W. Robinson delegates to the district convention at Greenfield. It was voted to appoint a committee of 12, with E. H. Gilbert as chairman, to look after Republican interests in town during the coming presidential campaign.

At the closing meeting of the Ware Musical Society the treasurer reported the total amount in the treasury to be $445.01, and the expenses of the season $442.62, leaving a balance of $2.42 in the treasury. The society was organized in the autumn of 1880, and since the organization have given seven concerts, each of which have been so fully sustained by the public that the society has suffered no loss, although the expenses connected with many of them have been large. The whole number of members for the last season has been eighty-one. Edward N. Anderson, who has been conductor of the society since its organization, resigned his position at the last meeting.

There is nothing yet to be learned in reference to how many liquor licenses are to be granted. We mistrust that some who have applied will come short of the requirements of the law, as indicated in the following notice which the treasurer has issued: "The treasurer of the town of Ware hereby gives notice that no bond of any person applying for a license to sell intoxicating liquors for the year 1884 will be approved by him unless there be two sureties for each bond, each surety making statement under oath, as required by said act. And furthermore, no person will be allowed to be surety on more than one bond. And no one, applicant for a license, will be accepted as surety on a bond for another applicant for license. A rigid conformity to these requirements will be necessary." The treasurer has had blank bonds and also blanks for sureties to make out the declaration of their possessions, real and personal, which must be to the amount of not less than two thousand dollars over and above all liabilities and indebtedness.

HAMPDEN COUNTY may as well make up its mind to a new jail, for it has got to come, apparantly. The prison committee of the Legislature reported the expected bill the other day, requiring the county commissioners to build a new jail and house of correction within two years, and authorizing them to borrow a sum not exceeding $200,000 for this purpose. The bill has passed through nearly all of its stages in the Senate, and there is little doubt that the house will pass it with but little opposition. All are agreed that something must be done, and there is no economy in laying out $50,000 on the present buildings as a temporary make-shift. Labor, materials and money are as cheap as they are likely to be in many years, and it is believed that the cost of a new building and lot will not exceed $150,000, while some $50,000 can probably be realized from the sale of the land now occupied by the jail.

No jury ever found a truer or more deserved verdict than did the one before whom the case of young Reilly of New York, was tried. It will be remembered that on March 16th Reilly was calling at a friend's, and producing a revolver, pointed and snapped it several times at a young lady present, with the remark that it would mesmerize her. Finally it was discharged and the young lady fell dead, although of course the weapon was not loaded. Last week a jury decided that he was guilty of manslaughter in the second degree, which is not at all unjust. The only regret is that the limit of punishment is 15 years imprisonment. The "didn't know it was loaded" fool is altogether too common, and a few severe lessons may serve to make his class less in the land. We hope so, at any rate. Young Reilly ought to get the extreme limit of 15 years.

Two young ladies of Waynesville, N. C., took pity on a poor widow whose kindness would not permit her to turn out a lazy boarder, went to his room one night last week, dragged him out of bed, and thrashed him with cowhides until he was glad to beat a retreat to the street with nothing on but his night shirt. He was told never to come to the house again.

The folly of keeping poisons in the same closet with other medicines was illustrated at Cambridge on Monday, when Mrs. A. A. McKusick died from the effects of drinking corrosive sublimate by mistake for mineral water. A nurse was sent to get the water, but got the wrong bottle, they being exactly alike, and standing side by side on the shelf.

The McDonough telegraph and telephone company was incorporated in New York last Friday with a capital stock of $1,000,000, which may be increased to $5,000,000. The lines are to run from New York to Albany and Buffalo, thence to San Francisco; New Mexico, Louisiana, Florida, Washington, Long Island and Maine.

It is said that an old man of South Carolinia, Capt. R. M. Andrews, 94 years old, is to start next week to walk from Sumpter to Boston over the same roads he used to travel in wagons before the railroads were built. He is strong and healthy, and has two sisters, aged 106 and 110 years respectively.

A Norwich, Ct., youth, who was amusing a crowd of his companions by pretending to stab another, turning the blade of his knife aside at each blow, forgot to turn his wrist at the last stroke, and his companion is dangerously cut in consequence. He ought to be punished severely.

The United States and Brazil mail steamship company's steamer Reliance, built last year, has been lost at Bahia, with a cargo of 7000 bags of coffee and 1000 hides. The passengers, crew and mails were saved.

A Cambridge boy of 16 was accidentally shot in the eye while boating last Sunday, by some companions on shore, who were firing at a mark.

Jacob Paul Weigler, who was a drummer boy at the battle of Waterloo, died at Worcester Monday night at the age of 84.

Two well known pork packers of Chicago, Messrs. Moran and Healy, have sailed for Europe with the intention of starting a pork packing establishment at Bremen, Germany, as an experiment. No American pork, but the native hog, will be used.

An explosion of fire damp which killed two men and injured several others, occured in a coal mine at Elizabeth, Pa., on Monday morning, as the miners were going to their work. Fortunately but few men were in the mine.

It is reported that the New York and New England railroad is soon to put on a fast newspaper train between New York and Boston, which will greatly benefit the New York daily papers.

A report has been circulated at St. Johns, N. F., that the Greely party had been rescued from a mass of floating ice by a whaling ship, but has not yet been confirmed.

How the hearts of a crowd throb with pitiless hatred against the man who coughs during the performance at a theatre, when they know he is too stingy to invest 25 cents in a bottle of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup.

How Harry Norton and His Bride Went to Housekeeping.

"Good morning, Mrs. Norton. What a pretty cottage—and housekeeping so soon?"

"Yes, Miss Eva; Harry and I wanted a home, if ever so humble. I read in the JOURNAL that we could get an outfit in Springfield by paying part down, and the rest in installments, so we visited the great housekeeping store of Metcalf & Luther (the only place where we could find everything we wanted.) We bought four carpets, two chamber sets, a sitting and dining room suite, crockery, mirrors, silver ware, and kitchen furniture,—the whole for $300. We paid $50 down, and the rest at $15 a month. Harry gets good wages and we can do it easily. They were very polite and showed us many articles, such as kerosene stoves, glass-ware, baskets, oil cloths, ladies' writing desks, hall racks, sofas, lounges, etc., which we did not buy. They had everything needed for housekeeping. We found their prices full as low as at other stores. But look at our new range."

Eva: "It's a beauty. Does it cook well?"

Mrs. Norton: "Yes; and it is very saving of fuel. It is called the "Household." They have sold hundreds of them, although it is a new pattern."

Eva: "That is a nice refrigerator. Did you buy it of them?"

Mrs. Norton: "Yes. It is the "Diamond." We got it for $15, and it's just lovely. It keeps ice so long and the food is so sweet in it."

Eva: "What a pretty carpet this is?"

Mrs. Norton: "Yes, and cheap, too; a first quality ingrain and only 72½ cents. They had elegant body Brussels and tapestries for 90 cents. This carpet was from a bankrupt sale in New York, and Metcalf & Luther let us have it 25 per cent under price at other stores."

Eva: "Your curtains are very tasty."

Mrs. Norton: "Yes; we got them there, too. They have a very large stock and the greatest variety I ever saw. Their spring fixtures are the best made. See, the curtain goes up itself. Here is our carpet sweeper, the "New Model," the best, and kept by Metcalf & Luther, too. But you must go up stairs."

Eva: "Oh! what pretty chamber sets; light finish is very fashionable now."

Mrs. Norton: "Yes, a neat ash set is good enough for Harry and I. We got both sets for less than $75.

Eva: "Well, you did get a bargain. I was in Hartford last week, and they asked me $50 for an ash set, no better than yours. You ought to be happy in so cosy a home, furnished for so little money."

Mrs. Norton: "Yes, we are happy, and I hope you may soon have as snug a little home of your own."

Eva: "I'll tell you a secret. I am to be married in three weeks, and I shall tell John about this Metcalf & Luther store, and we'll get our outfit like yours and go to housekeeping at once."

Mrs. Norton: "I congratulate you on your bright prospects, and hope you will take a trip to see Metcalf & Luther. You will find them opposite Court Square, and they will show you the largest stock of housekeeping goods you ever saw. Good morning."—*From the Household.* 4w3

Haynes & Co., the largest dealers in clothing in Springfield, announce their spring suits, etc., in another column. Best of suits from $8 to $25. Pants from $1.25 to $8. Beautiful spring overcoats and car-loads of boys' suits.

Strong, the most enterprising shoe dealer in Springfield, offers 700 pairs of infants' fine kid and goat button shoes at 50c a pair; 1000 pairs soft soles at 15, 25, 35 and 40 cents; children's school shoes, sizes 8 to 10½, and misses, sizes 11 to 2, at 93 cents; every pair worth from $1.25 to $1.50.

A fact: That Fay's Shoe Store has the largest stock of fine and medium boots and shoes in Springfield. 8w2

Thousands are daily having freckles removed by a trial of Lady Camelia's Secret of Beauty. Price 50 cents, at Allen's Pharmacy. 1 4w y29

O. P. Allen and O. J. Winslow distinctly state that Acker's English Remedy has and does cure contracted consumption. Ask for circular. An entirely new medicine guaranteed. eow ly 1

O. P. Allen and O. J. Winslow will refund the price paid if Acker's Blood Elixir does not relieve any skin or blood disorder. A new, but thoroughly tested discovery. eow ly 1

O. P. Allen and O. J. Winslow state that indigestion prepares every one for disease, but guarantee Acker's Dyspepsia Tablets to cure all forms of indigestion. eow ly 1

Oh, how beautiful it makes the complexion! For eruptions, Lady Camelia's Secret of Beauty is superior to soap or liniments. Price 50 cents. At Allen's Pharmacy. (3) 4w37

FREE TO ALL; STANDING OFFER. All who buy Rice & Co's Eclectic Liniment for Rheumatism, Neuralgia and Headache, and all pain, and are not cured when directions are followed, are entitled to fifty cents. Motto—No cure, no pay. For sale by G. L. KEENEY, Druggist and Stationer, Monson. 8

Boston has now one of the largest furniture establishments in America, occupying a large space on three streets, with entrance at 48 Canal street, opposite Maine Depot. Paine's warerooms contain a large assortment of lace curtains, window shades, and upholstery goods of new and desirable patterns, besides all kinds of chamber, parlor, and dining room suits, which are manufactured, finished and sold at wholesale or retail. Designs and samples with prices sent by mail upon application.

RECIPE FOR THE TROBLED MIND.—The thought often arises, and the question asked, "What shall I do?" I have tried all of the doctors, and patent medicines, and my money is gone and still no better. Recipe—Go to your druggist, and get a bottle of Rice & Co's Eclectric Liniment and a box of Eclectic Pills—for our motto is, no cure, no pay. For sale by GEO. L. HITCHCOCK, Palmer. 8

GOOD CROPS ON OLD, WORN-OUT PASTURE LAND.—I used two hundred pounds Bradley's Phosphate to the acre on old, worn-out pasture land, and raised fifty-five bushels buckwheat on two acres, and took the second premium at the Woodstock fair. I took part of the same pasture and planted potatoes—using Bradley's Phosphate in the hill, and raised one hundred and seventy-five bushels of potatoes on an acre and a half.

Eastford, Conn. S. D. BOWEN.

FORMULÆ FOR RICE & CO'S ECLECTIC PILLS.—May apple, ext. dandelion, rhubarb, ext. aloes and colocynth comp., and oil anise. Price 25 cents. Gelatine coated. Liver and malarial diseases can not exist where these pills are taken. (No griping.) Price 25 cents. For sale at C. E. Bloom's Drug Store, Ware. 8

Everybody Knows It.

When you have the Itch, Salt Rheum, Galls, or Skin Eruption of any kind, and the Piles, that you know without being told of it. G. L. Hitchcock, Palmer, G. L. Keeney, Monson, and C. E. Bloom, Ware, the druggists, will sell you Dr. Bosanko's Pile Remedy for 50 cents, which is a sure cure for either of the above diseases. 1y15eow

An Eye to Business.

O. P. Allen, the druggist, is always wide-awake to business and spares no pains to secure the best of every article in his line. He has secured the agency for Kemp's Balsam for Consumption, Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Bronchitis, and all affections of the throat and lungs. Sold on a positive guarantee. Price 50 cents and $1.00. Trial size free. cow17

Cause of Failure.

Want of confidence accounts for half of the business failures of to-day. G. L. Hitchcock, Palmer, G. L. Keeney, Monson, and C. E. Bloom, Ware, the druggists, are not liable to fail for want of confidence in Dr. Bosanko's Cough and Lung Syrup, for they give away a bottle free to all who are suffering with coughs, colds, asthma, consumption, and all affections of the throat and lungs. 1y15eow

Take 15 Cents,

And get Kemp's Botanic Liver Pills for Headache, for Biliousness, for Torpid Liver, for the Complexion. Use no other. Sold by O. P. Allen. cow17

A Life-Saving Present.

Mr. M. E. Allison, Hutchinson, Kan.: Saved his life by a simple Trial Bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery, for Consumption, which caused him to procure a large bottle, that completely cured him, when doctors, change of climate and everything else had failed. Asthma, Bronchitis, Hoarseness, Severe Coughs, and all Throat and Lung Diseases, it is guaranteed to cure. Trial Bottles free at Geo. L. Hitchcock's Drug Store. Large size $1. 1y30

BORN.

At Schenectedy, N. Y., 16th, a daughter (Flora E.) to ADELBERT E. and ELLA R. HOWARD.

At Waterbury, Conn., 15th, a daughter to W. H. and ANNIE L. BRAKENRIDGE, and fifth great-granddchild to Mr. and Mrs. Erasmus Gates of Monson, Mass.

MARRIED.

At Ware, 3d, by A. E. P. Perkins, D. D., WILLIAM IRWIN and RACHAEL REID, both of Ware; 9th, EDGAR W. BARNES and CLARA J. GARDNER, both of Hardwick; 10th, GEORGE H. HINKLEY and ADDELLA C. WENSWORTH, both of Westfield; 11th, JAMES HALL and MAGGIE J. BRIONS, both of Warren.

At Monson, 17th, by Rev. Albert Hammatt, EDWIN M. HATCH and MARY E. THOMPSON, both of Monson.

DIED.

At Three Rivers, 13th, MARY A. SEAVER, 47, wife of E. T. Potter, a graduate of Wilbraham Academy, class of 1862.

At Boudsville, 12th, JOHN GRIFFIN, 65.

At Roswell, Ga., 7th, JASON S. WOOD, formerly of Monson.

At Jaffrey, N. H., 6th, EMELINE S., 63 years, 6 months and 6 days, wife of Joseph S. King, and daughter of the late Samuel D. Lamberton of West Brookfield, Mass.

FOR SALE. A good two-seated Carriage. 2w3* M. HILLON, Palmer.

TO RENT.

A barn on the corner of School and Park streets. Inquire on the premises. W. W. CONVERSE. 3w3*

STALLION DONALD,

English draft (with pedigree) will stand at the stable of G. W. Keith, Thorndike, Mass., for the season of 1884.

Donald is black, of beautiful proportions; is 17 hands high; weighs 1450. 3m3*

I SHALL OPEN

A New Stock of MILLINERY and FANCY Goods APRIL 22d and 23d,

To which all are invited.

Boudsville, Mass. MRS. M. WHITNEY.

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Notice is hereby given under Chapter 100 of the public statutes that Maurice Moriarty has applied for a license of the first and fourth class to sell intoxicating liquors as a common victualler for the ensuing year, said business to be carried on in his store, on the northerly side of the Hill road in Bondsville, in said Palmer.

H. B. BISHOP, Chairman.

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PALMER, Apr. 18, 1884.

Notice is hereby given under Chapter 100 of the public statutes that John Madden has applied for a license of the fourth class to sell intoxicating liquors, the same to be exercised in the frame building owned by H. W. Munger, situate just southerly of said Munger's tailoring shop on South Main street in said Palmer.

H. B. BISHOP, Chairman.

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Notice is hereby given under Chapter 100 of the public statutes that H. P. Grise and F. X. Forand, copartners in business at Three Rivers, in said Palmer, under the name of Grise & Forand, have applied for a license of the fourth class to sell intoxicating liquors, the same to be exercised in the drug store, in the building owned by N. K. Rogers, in Three Rivers, in said Palmer.

H. B. BISHOP, Chairman.

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Notice is hereby given under Chapter 100 of the public statutes that W. L. Burke has applied for a license of the second class to sell malt liquors, cider and light wines as a common victualler for the year ensuing, said license to be exercised in the easterly room on the first floor of Strong's new block, so called, situate on Main street in said Palmer, between the frame building of John Feeney and the Nassowamno House.

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A Large and Elegant stock of plain and fancy Box Papers, Blank Books, etc., direct from the manufacturers at LOW PRICES.

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G. L. KEENEY,

DRUGGIST AND STATIONER,

MONSON, MASS. 3

BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

PALMER, Apr. 18, 1884.

Notice is hereby given under Chapter 100 of the public statutes that Mary Kelliher has applied for license of the first and fourth class to sell intoxicating liquors as a common victualler for the ensuing year, said business to be carried on in west end of the frame building situate in the village of Thorndike, on the road leading from Thorndike to Ware, and owned or belonging to the estate of the late Cornelius Kelliher.

H. B. BISHOP, Chairman.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

PALMER, Apr. 18, 1884.

Notice is hereby given under Chapter 100 of the public statutes that Jeremiah J. Sugrue has applied for a license of the first and fourth class, to sell intoxicating liquors as a common victualler the ensuing year, the business to be carried on in the basement of his dwelling house, situate in the village of Thorndike, on the main road from said Thorndike to Three Rivers; it being the second house next from the house of E. G. Murdock and adjoining the place of Dolly Kent in said Palmer.

D. B. BISHOP, Chairman.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

PALMER, Apr. 18, 1884.

Notice is hereby given under Chapter 100 of the public statutes that Charles Carty has applied for a license of the fourth class to sell intoxicating liquors the ensuing year, in a building to be erected on the vacant lot owned by him, adjacent to his dwelling house in Thorndike village, in said Palmer, on the road leading from the post office easterly past the house of the Widow Crowley and Hugh Brosnahan to the main Thorndike and Palmer road, said lot and dwelling being located between the premises of said Widow Crowley and the premises of said Hugh Brosnahan on said road.

H. B. BISHOP, Chairman.

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The Oldest and Best Cough Medicine in the world. 1826——1883.

OLD STYLE, 25 cents; NEW, 50 cents, and $1.00.

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CAUTION.—Be careful to get the genuine and take no other article said to be "just as good." 13w43

FOR SALE.

My late residence, cor. Park and Central sts., Palmer. Enquire of

DR. J. K. WARREN, 3w2 68 Pleasant St., Worcester.

NOTICE.

Having given my son, Elwin Wheeler Barney his time, I shall collect none of his wages nor pay any debts of his contracting after this date.

Ware, Mar. 28, 1884. 3w1 B. C. BARNEY.

SALE

GENUINE SALE.

CLOSING OUT SALE OF

BOOTS AND SHOES!

BEING DESIROUS OF A CHANGE IN BUSINESS WE WILL

Will sell our Entire Stock

—OF—

BOOTS, SHOES and RUBBERS AT COST!

Now is the Time to buy! COME QUICK AND SECURE THE

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REMEMBER THAT THIS IS A

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CHILD'S SHOE STORE,

PALMER DEPOT,

H. VAILL, - - - Manager.

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ASSESSORS' NOTICE.

To the Inhabitants and Other Persons liable to pay taxes in the Town of Palmer:

The assessors of the Town of Palmer hereby give notice to the inhabitants of said town, and all other persons liable to pay taxes therein, that they will receive on and after the first day of May inst., until and including the 20th day of May inst., the valuation of estates, and all persons liable to be taxed in said town, are hereby to bring in to its true and perfect lists of all Polls, (males twenty years old and upwards) and schedules and estimates of the personal estates for which they are liable to pay taxes in said town, possessed by them on the first day of May next.

MORTGAGED REAL ESTATE.

Any Mortgagor or Mortgagee of Real Estate, may bring in to the Assessors of this Town where the real estate lies, within the time specified in this notice, a statement under oath, of the amount due on each separate lot or parcel of such real estate, and the name and residence of every holder of an interest therein as a mortgagee or mortgagor. When such property is situated in two or more places, or when a recorded mortgage includes for one sum two or more estates, or parts of an estate, an estimate of the amount of the mortgagee's interest in each estate or part of an estate shall be given in such statement. (Chap. 175 of the Acts of 1882.)

When a statement in conformity with the law above quoted is brought in, the real estate therein returned will be assessed under sections 14, 15 and 16 of Chap. of 11the Public Statutes. But in cases where the mortgagor of the real estate has agreed in writing to pay all taxes assessed thereon, no statement or return is required from either mortgagee or mortgagor unless requested by the assessors in writing. The assessors will be at the Town House on the first day of May to receive lists as above required; after that date, including the 20th, lists may be handed to either of the assessors.

JOHN CLOUGH, DAVID KNOX, D. B. BISHOP, } Assessors of Palmer.

Palmer, April 18th, 1884.

NEW DEPARTURE.

Who is at the Head Now?

HITCHCOCK.

AND THIS TOWN MUST BE PAPERED,

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New Wall Papers

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BOTH PLAIN AND EMBOSSED, FOR WALL AND CEILING,

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And Prices to Match any Dealer in the Country.

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Call and Inspect for Yourselves the Finest Lots of Wall Papers and Window Shades ever in Town.

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Wholesale and retail. Prices low, AT SIBLEY'S.

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For both Bread and Pastry. Sold only BY SIBLEY.

"VERONA MILLS"; ALWAYS GOOD, And Cheap. Sold only BY SIBLEY.

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LAWSON SIBLEY,

523 MAIN STREET, - - SPRINGFIELD. 4w2

NOTICE.

The selectmen of the Town of Palmer hereby give notice that they will be in session at the Town House on Monday the 21st day of April, inst. at 2 o'clock p. m., to hear objections as to granting licenses to any of the persons who have made application for the same.

2w2 D. B. BISHOP, Chairman.

We shall open

SATURDAY, MARCH 15,

NEW GOODS

IN EVERY DEPARTMENT,

including the latest novelties in

DRESS GOODS.

A GREAT VARIETY OF

WHITE GOODS,

As well as a full line of

Staple Goods,

ALL OF WHICH WILL BE OFFERED AT THE LOWEST LIVING PRICES.

J. B. SHAW.

Palmer, March 13, 1884.

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by Emma S. Mixter and George M. Mixter to William W. Moore, dated December 22d, 1879, and recorded in the registry of deeds for the county of Hampden, Libro 367, folio 146, will be sold at public auction, on the premises, on Wednesday, the 7th day of May, 1884, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, all and singular the premises conveyed by said mortgage deed, namely:—A certain tract of land situate about three-eighths of a mile northerly of the Congregational church in Monson, in said county, upon the west side of Mechanic street, and bounded as follows, viz: Beginning at the south-east corner of John C. Maguire's home lot at the west line of said Mechanic street; thence southerly on Mechanic street 5½ rods to a stone post set in the ground; thence westerly at right angles to the west line of Mechanic street 8 rods to a stone set in the ground; thence northerly at right angles to the last mentioned line to stone in the ground at said Maguire's land; thence on said Maguire's land to the place of beginning, containing about one-fourth acre of land, be the same more or less, with the buildings thereon standing, subject to a previous mortgage to the Palmer Savings bank to secure $800. $100 will be required to be paid in cash by the purchaser at the time and place of sale.

WILLIAM W. MOORE.

Monson, April 11, 1884. 3w2

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE.

By virtue of a license from the probate court, I, J. M. Lyon of Wales, Mass., administrator, with the will annexed, of the estate of Alvin Colburn, late of said Wales, deceased, will sell at public auction, on the premises, on Monday, the 28th day of April next, at 10 o'clock a. m., the following real estate: The home farm of said Alvin Colburn, situated in said Wales, containing 100 acres, more or less, bounded north by land now or formerly of Jos. U. Royce, Jr., and in part by the highway; east by land now belonging to said estate and Samuel B. Perry, south by land of Samuel B. Perry and Isaiah Hiscock, and west by land of said Joseph U. Royce, Jr. The sale will be made subject to any rights of way over the land. Terms cash. At 11 o'clock a. m. on said day, on the premises, following, I shall sell at public auction certain real estate belonging to said estate, known as the "Royce place," situated partly in said Wales and partly in the town of Holland, bounded north by land of the Needham heirs, east by the "Kenny lot" owned by said estate, south by land of Isaiah Hiscock and land of Samuel B. Perry, and west by the home farm of Alvin Colburn's heirs. Terms, cash. Both sales will be subject to the taxes for 1884.

Wales, Apr. 8th, 1884. 3w2 J. M. LYON.

NOTICE is hereby given that the subscribers have been duly appointed executors of the will of Waterman Fuller, late of Palmer, in the county of Hampden, deceased; and have taken upon themselves that trust by giving bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to

WILLIAM H. FULLER, GEORGE W. FULLER, } Executors.

Palmer, Apr. 9, 1884. 3w2*

ATTENTION, HOUSE CLEANERS!

CARPET RUSTING WORKS OF J. H. SMITH.

Carpets dusted in the best manner by machinery. No injury to goods guaranteed. Carpets called for and delivered free.

Orders left with Weld & Lougley, or by Telephone or Postal, will be PROMPTLY attended to.

PRICE—25 yards, or less, - - - 50 cents. Over 25 yards, 3 cents per yard additional.

TERMS: - - - - - CASH ON DELIVERY.

J. H. SMITH, April 3, 1884. Palmer, Mass. 4w1

FOR SALE!

One horse power Wood Saw, one Gray Horse, 6 years old, extra worker; one Brown Horse, good worker; two buggies, one hackboard, one two-horse wagon, new one; one-horse wood wagon, one two-horse sled, one pair team harness, made to order; one business wagon, 4 seats, for one or two horses, nearly new; also one feed box, hay cutter, chains, plows, blankets, etc. All will be sold cheap for cash, as I have no further use for them.

8w48 HENRY C. N. CROSS, Thorndike, Mass.

TO RENT.

A pleasant tenement on South Main street, Palmer. Rent only $8 per month. Also, two office rooms in Strong's Block. Address

H. C. STRONG, Room 3, Agawam Bank Block, 51tf Springfield, Mass.

SALESMEN WANTED.—To canvass for the sale of Grapes, Roses and other Nursery Stock. Steady employment guaranteed. Salary and expenses paid! Apply at once. CHASE BROTHERS, Rochester, N. Y. (Refer to this paper.) 8w2

A WOOD LOT FOR SALE, Containing 6½ acres near the center of Monson.

3w Enquire of G. C. WILSON, Monson, Mass.

SPRING GOODS.

THE MOST COMPLETE STOCK WE HAVE EVER PRESENTED TO THE PUBLIC.

SUITS

MEN'S, YOUTH'S & BOYS'

IN THE LATEST FABRICS & STYLES.

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A LARGE AND VARIED ASSORTMENT.

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ALL THE NOVELTIES OF THE SEASON

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An elegant assortment, among which are our Black and Colored SILKS which we are selling at Manufacturers' Prices. An examination will convince you of this fact.

Spring Sacques, Jerseys, Wrappers and Aprons,

THE MOST COMPLETE LINE WE HAVE EVER CARRIED.

Would call special attention to a very nobby line of

GENTS' NECK WEAR AND FANCY SHIRTS.

CUSTOM SHIRTS

Warranted to fit, at short notice.

LOOK AT OUR SAMPLES and PRICES.

Very respectfully,

S. H. HELLYAR & CO.,

CROSS'S BLOCK, PALMER.

Buckeye Plow Sulky.

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It has been demonstrated that a Sulky can be attached to a plow and do better work, with greater ease to the team, and certainly more comfort or pleasure to the man or boy, than if he were to trudge the weary round to guide and hold his plow.

IT IS TIME-TESTED AND APPROVED.

It Will Fit Any Plow.

It is simple in construction. It is strong, durable, and easily operated. It can be attached to any common plow, either wood or iron beam. It can be reversed to use on right or left hand plows. It is adapted to either two or three horse plows. The depth can be regulated, or the plow be raised entirely out of the ground without stopping the team. It will always hold the plow at a uniform depth, while passing over ridges or furrows. It can turn a square corner without raising the plow. It can be set stationary in finishing lands if desired. It can be used with a rigid lever for general use, and may be left loose and adjustable for very rough and stony lands. It can also be used for attaching to nearly every kind of a harrow.

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BUY THE BEST.

THE EASY RUNNING

Household Sewing Machine,

For Cash or Small Installments.

OLD MACHINES TAKEN IN EXCHANGE!

Oil, Attachments, and Needles for all Sewing Machines.

Machines repaired at short notice.

HOUSEHOLD S. M. CO., T. J. SULLIVAN, Agent.

Office at Clark's Shoe Store, Palmer. 6m19

STOCK AND TOOLS.

Having sold my Fenton Farm, I offer for sale stock consisting of

COWS, HEIFERS AND STEERS.

—ALSO—

MOWER, HAY RAKE, TEDDER, PLOWS, HARNESS, WAGONS,

And Small Tools.

GEORGE ROBINSON.

Palmer, March 14, 1884. 50tf

MARBLE! MARBLE!

A large and fine assortment of FINISHED MONUMENTS, TABLETS, etc., etc., now on hand and for sale at

LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICES

for first-class work, at White's Marble and Granite Works.

L. C. WHITE, Palmer, Mass. 6tf

FOR SALE!

Cottage house and three-fourths acre of land, well stocked with Fruit Trees, situated in the center of Monson, near churches, schools and post office. For particulars address,

W. H. CHAPIN, 47-tf P. O. Box 236, Worcester, Mass.

FOR SALE.—My Cottage on Fox avenue, containing 10 rooms. Good barn on the place.

C. E. FISH. Palmer, 16, Nov. 1883 33tf

WANTED.

A smart intelligent boy, about 15 or 16 years of age, to learn Painter's trade.

Apply at THIS OFFICE.

WILL BE LET—To a small family, a convenient tenement but short distance from Monson depot. Apply to

4w52 RALPH CLIFFORD, Monson.

The Time Has Come

—AND—

WE Are READY.

ONE GLANCE AT

THE BARGAINS

IN OUR LARGE AND ATTRACTIVE NEW SPRING AND SUMMER STOCK

—OF—

Clothing,

Gents' Furnishings,

Hats, Caps, Trunks,

Valises, Bags,

Umbrellas, etc.,

WILL CONVINCE YOU THAT AN

Era of Peace and Prosperity

HAS AT LAST DAWNED UPON YOU,

—AND—

Our Low Prices

WILL ACTUALLY SET YOU WITH DELIGHT.

FOSTER & GAMWELL,

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PALMER, - - MASS.

Great Mark-Down

A REDUCTION

—OF—

FROM FIVE TO TWENTY PER CENT.

Having purchased the GIBBONS' SHOE STORE, and wishing to make room for

—— SPRING GOODS ——

I now offer my entire stock at a discount of from five to twenty per cent.

ALL WOOL AND RUBBER GOODS,

MEN'S KIP BOOTS,

LADIES' AND GENT'S VELVET SLIPPERS

AT COST.

SEE MY BARGAIN COUNTER!

Hoping for a generous share of your patronage, I remain, Respectfully,

H. A. CLARK.

Palmer, Feb. 1, 1884.

Great Slaughter

IN PRICES TO

Reduce Stock.

In my attempts hitherto to dispose of my business, I have found my large stock the principle obstacle, it being beyond the means of any of the several applicants. I now propose to reduce it by

A SPECIAL SALE

At greatly reduced prices, on new goods as well as old.

MY NEW SPRING STYLES OF

Paper Hangings

Were bought before I proposed to sell out, and are now in stock. They comprise the finest selection and largest assortment within fifteen miles, and are offered at lower prices than can be found anywhere.

CROCK[illegible]PS, GLASSWARE, WIN[illegible]ADES, FIXTURES, PLATED WARE,

FANCY & MISCELLANEOUS GOODS,

AT SLAUGHTER PRICES!

If you are to do any PAPERING any time this year, or will need any goods in my line, it will pay you to buy now. Such an opportunity will not occur again. Don't wait for pleasant days. Come early and secure the bargains.

This special sale will run until further notice, but may be discontinued in a few days.

"Now is the accepted time."

E. J. WOOD.

Bank Block, Palmer.

WE ARE

Constantly Receiving

SPRING STYLES

—IN—

CLOTHING,

HATS, CAPS,

—AND—

Gent's Furnishing Goods,

WHICH WE SHALL SELL AT

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ALL HEAVY-WEIGHT GOODS AT MANUFACTURERS' PRICES

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MONSON, MASS.

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A Collection of the Songs of 50 representative American Colleges. One can hardly imagine songs fresher and brighter than these, 200 in number, and all newly contributed by the colleges in question, including Vassar and Wellesley. There is an average of 4 songs from each college. Price $2. Also published, Carmina Collegensia, $3; University Songs, $2.50, and Student's Life in Song, $1.50.

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A book of great importance, giving a concise and interesting narrative of the progress of music during the last 2000 years. Price $2.50.

Almost ready.

A new Sunday School Song Book of fine quality, by Emerson and Sherwin. Wait for it.

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More and more used, every year, to enliven school life, and furnish most valuable practice.

Forest Jubilee Band (40 cts.) new; Flower Festival on the Rhine (45 cts.); Crown of Virtue (60 cts.); Fairy Bridal (50 cts.); New Flower Queen (75 cts.); Hour in Fairy Land (60 cts.); Little Bo Peep (60 cts.); Three Little Kittens (50 cts.); Quarrel Among Flowers (35 cts.); Spring Holiday (60 cts.); School Festival (20 cts.); and Cinderella (50 cts.) are all lively and pretty Cantatas.

OLIVER DITSON & CO., Boston.

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THE BEST QUALITY OF

Grass Seeds!

A FULL LINE OF

Garden Seeds In Bulk.

DON'T FAIL TO SEE THEM AND GET MY PRICES BEFORE YOU BUY.

A. E. PARK.

N. B.—GREAT DISCOUNT ON WHAT LAMPS I HAVE LEFT.

FARM FOR SALE in Ware, of about 65 acres, pleasant location, three miles from village. Keep four cows and horse, wood enough for home use, supply of peaches, plums, and other fruit. Barn and house connected. House 2 stories, modern built and very convenient. Price, $1200. Half or more of purchase money can remain on mortgage at 6 per cent. Other farms for sale. Real estate and other property bought and sold. Inquire of S. C. ROGERS, State Primary School, Monson, or of H. M. ROGERS, 344 Main Street, Worcester Mass. 4w51 40tf

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All kinds of LUMBER and SHINGLES, at retail and wholesale by the car-load. Windows, Doors Blinds and Mouldings. Carpenters' and Joiners Work done to order.

Yard and shop junction of the B. & A. and N. L. N. railroads, west of depot.

My Horse Sultan.

He was the parting gift of one I loved;
One-half the blood within his veins that moved
Was warm and glowing, where Arabia's sun
Had shone upon his ancestor's; and one,
The stronger half and calmer, came to him
Through Norman mother's, with their strength of limb,
Their width of chest and loving lustrous eyes,
Wide, soft and tender, like those Norman skies.

I never gave to man a love so strong;
For woman not one friendship lived so long;
No joy so great has ever come to me
With music, eloquence or poetry,
As when in saddle, to his graceful tread,
I skimmed the plains or through the valley.
He had a rare intelligence, and knew
Each word I spake to him, and soon he grew
To greet my coming with a gladful neigh,
And part from me with saddened eyes. Each day
This strong affection dwelt within my heart,
Until the hand of Death forced us apart.

I watched the lutsre in his eyes fade out,
Sad hour! But he'd no fear of death, no doubt.
If he had no immortal soul, no part
To live beyond the beating of his heart,
No spirit in the great forevermore,
To know and love as it had loved before—
If he live not, and souls are but for man,
There's mystery in the Eternal plan.

For I am sure no human heart e'er beat
More loyal to its love. I've yet to meet
A human friend so staunch and true and brave,
Or one whose friendship could outlive the grave.
And still my Sultan had no soul, they say,
No death-bed penitence, no voice to pray,
In fact no proper requisite of man
With which Eternity's wide bridge to span.

A horse, however human, has no soul;
A man, howe'er depraved, still claims the whole.
Thy mem'ry, Sultan, still is dear to me—
I'll mix it not with dark theology.

—*Medora Clark.*

MONEY ONLY BUYS TICKETS.

Chief Justice Waite, of the Supreme Court, had a funny experience the other day, and as he has related it to a number of friends, the story has had a wide circulation in society. Several weeks ago he had an imperative engagement in Baltimore. Like all great men he is proverbially absent minded. He went up to the court and after a few moments' session adjourned the court and came down leisurely to the Baltimore & Ohio depot, which is only a short distance from the Capitol. As he got out of the street car he found he had ten minutes in which to purchase a ticket and get a seat on the train. As he went up to the ticket office he discovered, to his surprise, that he had only a few pennies in his poeket. He had neglected to provide himself with "scrip for his journey." He looked around the waiting room but saw no one he knew. What was to be done must be done quickly; his engagement was an important one. So he filed up the line to the ticket office and when he reached the window the Chief Justice smiled an awful smile across the full width of his ample mouth, and asked the ticket agent if he knew him.

"No, I don't," snarled the agent, "and what is more, I don't want to! What do you want?"

"I want a ticket to Baltimore and return. I am the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and have no money with me; it is purely accidental. I can give you my personal check."

"Oh, I know you. I know all the bloods, but that dodge won't work on me. I have just had two members of the cabinet try to 'bilk' me out of tickets and no Chief Justice dodge gets me. Take your ugly mug out of the window and get ont of the way of people who have money."

The Chief Justice glares. He could not fine the young man for contempt of court. He felt cheaper and worse than if he had been a real fraud. He blushed and perspired so that the agent had his firm belief strengthened. The Chief Justice dashed out of the station to see if he could not find some one to identify him. He had only five minutes left. It was too short a time to run to the Capitol. He saw no one. Across the street there was a saloon and eating house. The Chief Justice made a rush across the road, but he stopped at the door. What if he should be seen going into a common gin-mill? What would people say, and it was a bare chance if any one in there should know him. Spying a private entrance he rushed in and accosted the proprietor with the frantic inquiry of

"Do yo know me?"

"Yes, bet yer head. I do, yer Honor," said the short-haired, freckle-faced man behind the bar. "Ye are the boss av the Shuprame Coort. I see ye every day going by here on the cars."

"Will you cash my check? I have no time to explain."

Here the Justice grabbed a piece of paper upon a desk near by and began to write hurriedly.

"Shure I will. I've seen old byes off on a tear before get out of money. Thrust me, sorr. Is it a twenty ye want? Here it is. Will ye have a drop before ye run?"

But before any further explanation could be made the Chief Justice had grabbed the money and was running across the street. In some way the ticket agent had learned of his blunder during the Judge's absence, and was all politeness when he saw the money.

Mr. Waite barely made the train, but he has not had such a shock to his dignity since he went upon the bench of the Supreme Court.—*Albany Journal.*

WHY CHICAGO WAS CHOSEN.

Private Citizen—So Chicago is to be the meeting place of both politieai conventions?

Politician—Yes. I notice the newspapers on both sides are full of fine-spun theories as to the significance of choosing Chicago as a meeting place. Amusing, isn't it?

"Well, I don't know. To tell the truth I have thought nothing about the matter."

"But we of the committee thought about it a good deal, I can tell you."

"Then it is of great significance and bears on the chances of certain candidates, I suppose?"

"Oh, no!"

"Indeed! Then what does the selection mean?"

"It means that Chicago keeps the best whisky."—*Philadelphia Call.*

Science shows that all that is necessary to the human body can be supplied by the vegetable kingdom solely, and in fact that the world's population is actually mainly supported by vegetable products.

Adam was saved one unpleasant feature of married life. His wife never talked to him with thirty or forty pins in her mouth. —*Philadelphia Call.*

LIGHTNING AND LIGHTNING RODS.

Lightning as seen, is produced by the swift passage of electricity through the air from cloud to cloud, or from the clouds to the earth, or the earth to the clouds, or both. Its velocity is almost inconceivable, equal to going seven times around the world between two ticks of a three-foot clock pendulum; or, say about five hundred times faster than a ball flies as it leaves a heavily-loaded rifle.

The air does not conduct electricity through it, but forces its way along, driving the air particles together, and, so to speak, squeezing the heat out. If we push a tightly-fitting rod down a gun barrel, crowding the air suddenly into a small space, the air will give out so much heat as to become red hot and set fire to a piece of tinder in the bottom. So we may suppose the swift lightning pushes the air together before it until it becomes brilliantly red hot (lightning) and when much air is compressed before it, darts off until more air is compressed in the new line and then it shoots another way, and thus we have its zigzag course. This driving and beating the air produces the sound we call thunder. We get sound by agitating the air when beating a drum-head, or vibrating the strings of an instrument, by exploding powder in it, etc. The more violent agitation by the lightning produces the loud thunder, though a lightning stream of electricity is so small at any one point that it shakes the air less than a heavy cannon charge of powder. (Thunder is seldom heard ten miles, while a battle has been heard forty miles or more.) The rolling of thunder is caused by sounds coming in from different distances one after another, as the electricity darts from cloud to cloud, farther or nearer from us, a thunder sound being produced between each pair of clouds. It is as if a score or more of cannon, each a little further off, were all fired at the same moment: we would have by the reports coming one after the other a rolling sound just like thunder.

Light comes almost instantaneously from a distant point, while sound takes nearly five seconds to come a mile through the air. If we see the flash of a cannon and begin counting one, two, three, only as fast as a three-foot pendulum ticks, about the time we count five the sound of the cannon will arrive. After a sharp flash of lightning count as above, and the real lightning cloud is as many fifths of a mile away as you count seconds. If you count four or more, you may know that that lightning cloud is at a safe distance. If coming towards you the thunder will more quickly follow the lightning; if going from you you will count more at each successive flash; if counting about the same number, it is going by. Understanding this will help quiet nervous people.—*Orange Judd in American Agriculturist.*

ALCOHOL COULD BE ABOLISHED.

A remarkable and rather surprising letter is that which James R. Nichols, contributed to a recent issue of the Boston *Journal*, in which he takes the ground that the manufacture, importation and use of alcohol could be stopped and the people suffer no serious detriment. Some of Mr. Nichols's statements are so striking and so pointed we extract a few sentences:

"Its domestic or honschold applications are considerable in number, and regarded by some as important. In this direction, however, they are very much less than formerly, before science shed upon families a clearer light.

The external use of alcohol upon the human body under any conditions of disease is practically useless. Alcohol in the forms of gin, brandy, whisky and wines may be banished from families as domestic remedies without risk to the welfare of a single member. It is well to remember that favorite aromatics, like peppermint, ginger, etc., are now associated with sugar in elegant forms, and are easily accessible to every one when needed.

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That Mrs. B
Takes too much—something, in her tea."
And Mrs. J.
To Mrs. K.
That night was overheard to say,
She grieved to touch
Upon it much,
But "Mrs. B. took—such and such!"
Then Mrs. K.
Went straight away
And told a friend, the self same day,
"'Twas sad to think—"
Here came a wink—
"That Mrs. B. was fond of drink."
The friend's disgust
Was such she must
Inform a lady "which she mussed,"
"That Mrs. B. .
At half past three
Was that far gone she couldn't see."
This lady we
Have mentioned, she
Gave needle-work to Mrs. B.,
And at such news
Could scarcely choose
But further needle-work refuse.
Then Mrs. B.,
As you'll agree,
Quite properly—she said, said she,
That she would track
The scandal back
To those who made her look so back.
Through Mrs. K.
And Mrs. J.
She got at last to Mrs. A.,
And asked her why.
With cruel lie,
She painted her so deep a dye?
Said Mrs. A.,
In some dismay,
"I no such thing could ever say;
I said that you
Much stouter grew
On too much sugar—which you do!"

LEFT BEHIND.

It was 10 o'clock of a July morning, and the largest fraction of humanity had been some hours earning its daily bread. The idlers had just risen from the breakfast table. To this latter class belonged the young man who leaned lazily on the piazza railing, and looked absently out off Lake Winnipake. Beside him in a huge chair, sat a little woman rocking to and fro, with an untiring movement, and with deft fingers plying in and out among bright silks and crewels. She was idle, too, in her woman's laborious way, but there was a lack of repose in her indolence that made it restful of turn again to her brother, who stood in statuesque inaction, looking into the still water below.

"What are you going to do to-day?" the little woman asked.

"Nothing."

"There's a great deal going on, and very nice sort of people, too. Do you see that pretty girl down there at the landing?"

"The one with red."

"Yes, don't you think she's pretty?"

"I hadn't thought of it."

"Well, she is—remarkably. Wouldn't you like to meet her? I could easily manage it.

"I'm not partienlar. Is she worth while?"

"Ben, you exasperate me. Do you take an interest in anything?"

"I don't do anything else in Wall street. I'm off duty now. I believe in resting in a philosophical sort of a way."

"Well, I suppose you are tired, poor fellow! I know how you feel. I am tired myself most of the time."

"Tired! I look like it," laughed the young man. "I'll tell you how it is; I simply want my liberty. It doesn't pay—this dancing attention on half a dozen girls whom you'll never see again."

"Oh, well, don't, then."

Ben Adams at 21 had performed his social duties with great zest. Four years later he was still heart whole, and beginning to take a purely fraternal interest in blushing debutantes. He danced less and went to the opera alone, or with his friend Rutland, a confirmed bachelor of twenty-nine. With entire resignation young Adams acted as usher at many fashionable weddings, and without a sigh saw Catharine, Kate and Kitty led down the aisle by other men. And so he approached his thirties and within a year of them leaned idly over the railing at Lake Winnipake, and declared to his sister that "Robinson Crusoe was the luckiest fellow of his acquaintance. Give me a desert isle for a summer sojourn. What would refresh a man like going back to savagery!"

"I don't think it would be enough of a change to benefit some I know," laughed his sister. "Well, Ben, all I can say is, you are very different from what you used to be."

In the meanwhile the boat below pushed off, and Adams followed with his eyes, chiefly because it would have been more trouble to look the other way. The young lady in the stern was Miss Josephine Vail, and the boy at the oars was her twelve-year-old brother. Josephine was a young lady of views supported by more or less logic and by what some thought an extremely pretty face. Her enemies—but she had none—would have said that while she despised conventionalities no one was more annoyed when obliged to disregard them, and while she resented the protecting limitations of her sex, she was quite willing to accept the attentions based on the theory of their existence. Her father said one day: "Nothing would take the kinks out of Josephine like settling down with a good husband." The young lady took it in high dudgeon, and went away meekly to wonder if it were true. On this particular July morning Josephine accepted her brother Tom's services as oarsman, not because she was not perfectly able to row herself, but because it would keep Tom out of mischief.

"Don't rock the boat, Tom. It doesn't frighten me, but I can't read."

There was pause.

"Row near the bank, in the shade, Tom."

Another long pause.

"Say, sis," said Tom at length, "now we're off, I'll tell you where we're going."

"Where you're going? Why, you're going to take me out for a row."

"Not much. I'm going two miles about to see some fellows who are camping out."

"And going to take me. I think you are mistaken, sir. Give me those oars."

"No you don't. Leave 'em alone and keep still."

"Tom, turn this boat instantly, or I will ——."

"What'll you do? Come now; you sit still, or I'll ——"

"Tom, there's the Desert Island just ahead. Don't run into it. Be careful, you are going straight toward it."

"We might land there," he said blandly.

"To be sure we might," said his sister, glad of anything to say to divert him from the first scheme.

"All right, just as you say."

Tom turned his boat toward the great rock, which lifted its broad back out of the water. It was fitly called the Desert Isle, for its few square feet of surface supported not so much as a blade of grass or a bit of moss.

"Hop out," said Tom, "I've got to see to the boat. I guess you can climb up to the top easy enough."

"Of course I can," said Josephine, "as if I needed help, you little monkey."

In a moment she stood at the top of the rock, and in another moment a derisive laugh came from below:

"Good-by; I hope you will enjoy yourself. I'll see you later."

Plato says: "A boy is the most vicious of wild beasts." Plato and Miss Vail were of one opinion on that point. She looked about her and took in the situation. She was monarch of about twenty-five feet of gray rocks, the sides of which descended abruptly to the water. Perched high on this pedestal, her figure stood out against the sky in bold relief. A book and parasol were her only accessories, for by some happy inspiration she clung to these. The sun was high in the heaven, but its hot rays were mercifully tempered by a soft breeze on the lake.

Josephine seated herself, raised her parasol and opened her book, She faced the probability that at least two hours of noonday solitude were before her. The philosophical course of action was to make the best of it. But what a situation to be discovered in! She remembered with satisfaction that a large party had gone on a picnic to-day, and the dowagers left behind were not given to boating at high noon. She tried to think how she should laugh it off if anybody should see her, but under the most cheerful aspect she seemed to herself a little ridiculous spectacle. To be ridiculous in a good cause had in it an element of heroism, but the present situation was one of unmitigated absurdity, and Josephine Vail always felt the heroic rather than the comic to be her forte. Once tears of vexation started as her head began to throb in sympathy with the hot pulsation of the air about her.

An hour had dragged its length when Josephine suddenly lifted her head and listened painfully. A man's voice singing and the splash of oars, and, yes, a boat swung slowly around the bend. One man sat in it lazily singing.

"It's that base creature who watched us off this morning. It's a type I detest. And to think that he should see me here! It's really more than I can endure."

The girl looked with envy on the tortoise which slipped easily from the base of the rock into the water as he heard the disturbing sound of the oars.

"I hope he'll have the good taste to suppose I came here of my own free will. He won't think of interfering with me, I hope. What! I believe he is coming straight toward me!"

Josephine turned the leaves of her book with an interest that grew every moment more intense. But at length decency required some recognition of the nearing boat. The young man was rowing as though he had a renewed interest in life. He was soon at the base of the rock.

"I beg your pardon," he said, as he raised his hat; "can I be of any service to you?"

"You are very kind, sir. You find me in a very absurd condition."

"You have evidently been shipwrecked. Are you the sole survivor?"

"No, not shipwrecked, but put ashore and abandoned by my cruel tryant of a brother. To tell you the truth, sir, I am the victim of a practical joke. My little brother has left me here while he goes farther up the lake to visit some friends who are camping there."

"I beg you will make use of my boat, then, to return. I will come up to you in one moment."

Leaping out of his boat before Miss Vail could say a word, he drew it up on a low shelf of the rock and quickly reached her side.

"Let me help you," the young man said, with such a firm assurance of good breeding that she made no resistence or attempt at independence, but accepted the proffered aid in a quiet, matter-of-fact way.

"Your boat! Your boat, sir!" she suddenly cried. It was too late. The rising breeze drove the water with such force against the rock so as to dislodge the boat, and before Adams could grasp it, it was gayly tilting about, a half dozen yards away.

The two looked at each other a moment and then laughed, though both were conscious of its being questionable taste.

Adams sobered and said: "Can you ever forgive me, Miss —"

"Miss Vail; I am Miss Vail."

"And I am Mr. Adams. Can you be magnanimous enough to forgive me?"

"That is the question I should ask you."

"Ah, you evade mine. At any rate I shall never forgive myself. A worse bit of bungling I never saw. The truth is, Miss Vail, I have had very little experience in rescuing fair ladies. You are the first whose life I have tried to save. I am no hero, as you see."

The genuine annoyance of her companion roused the compassion of Josephine, and she began to talk to him with a desperate cheerfulness and acceptance of the situation.

"What a cold-blooded little villain that brother of yours must be, Miss Vail, to desert you in this fashion. I suppose we must throw ourselves on his merey when he comes back. How are you going to account for me? Consider me your man Friday."

Beneath their light talk ran an under-current of more or less bitter meditation on the part of each. Miss Vail shuddered to think what a good story this would make to circulate among her friends, while Adams foresaw how it would add to the conviviality of the club. He began with the fervent wish that he was out of the scrape. He ended:

"I am glad to confess, by ceasing to envy Robinson Crusoe his desert isle, I consider my own far preferable.

There was a breeziness about this girl that made him forget the mounting thermometer. She had a way of going to the point, and, moreover, she had a point, two things which Ben Adams told his sister he appreciated in a woman.

In short, by dint of making the best of it, Miss Vail and Adams were both able to express honest surprise when a boat appeared in the distance, and on taking out his watch Adams found it to be 3 o'clock.

"Now!" was all Josephine said, but there were conflicting emotions in the monosyllable.

"Hullo-o!" shouted a shrill voice across the water.

Blank astonishment wiped all expression out of Tom's face at first, but a broad grin finally made its appearance.

"You're a great one, Jo," he muttered. "I'd like to know where you wouldn't find a beau. Did he drop down out of the clouds?"

"Hush, sir, you have been a very naughty boy."

As they rowed home Adams devoted himself to cultivating the acquaintance of the young scape-grace. The latter proved very approachable, and Adams found no difficulty in persuading him to go fishing the next day.

When they were at home at last, Josephine took her brother into her room and turned the key.

"Tom, you've treated me very badly today. What would you give if I would not tell father? You wouldn't like to be sent back to the military school, you know."

"Say, sis, I'll tell you what," and the little wretch gave a wink of immense satisfaction; "if you won't tell on me, I won't tell on you. Honor bright."

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"Mrs. Adams," said Ben Adams to his wife, at their wedding reception a year after, "don't you think we might afford to tell people how we met; I never knew a secret kept better. I nearly ruined myself buying up that precious brother-in-law of mine. You see, I thought on your account I wouldn't let him tell. I didn't care; I liked it. I had no business to, you say? But I liked it, nevertheless. Here are Rutland and his Mary. Let's tell them the story. They know we're going to Lake Winnipake for our honeymoon."

SULPHUR IN DIPHTHERIA.

The following receipe for diphtheria is from an English doctor who never lost a case when giving this treatment:

"One teaspoonful of sulphur in a wineglassful of water. Stir with a stick, not metal. Use a gargle, allowing some to pass down the throat. When not possible to use a gargle, blow a little powered sulphur through a quill into the throat. This gives instant relief."

It is now known that diphtheria is caused by animalculæ just below the root of the tongue, and powered sulphur is the most powerful agent (and least harmless) known. My own children had the diphtheria, one of them severely—growing worse under the medicines of a good physician. I suspended his medicines and applied powdered sulphur on a flat stick (a fair pinch, the child projecting its tongue) just across the lower part of the tongue. This gave immediate relief, and after two or three applications the child recovered.

In a large town in western New York there was an epidemic diphtheria, and every case was fatal up to the time this remedy was made known to the people there, when only one child died of all those who used it. I have mentioned it to others with like results. This remedy should be made known in all districts where diphtheria prevails.

The Philadelphia *Record*, which first published the above, says editorially: "A gentleman residing in the northern part of the city, whose two little daughters were dying of diphtheria, saw in the *Record* a communication commending the use of sulphur in cases of diphtheria. As a last resort he made a trial of it, using washed flowers of sulphur and applying it directly to the membraneous growths in the throats of the children by means of a common clay pipe. The effect was almost magical. Within two hours there was complete relief, and in two days the children, who had been given up by their physician, had completely recovered. While it is not reasonable to rely entirely upon sulphur in the ills that beset childhood, it is doubtful if there ever has been a proper recognition of its value as a destroyer of morbid or fungus membraneous growths in cases of diphtheretic type. Distilled or sublimed sulphur, should be used, not the powdered crude sulphur.

A good carver will always remember that the following are esteemed delicacies: The sounds of codfish, fat of salmon, fat of venison, kidney of lamb, the pope's eye in a leg of mutton, the oyster cut of a shoulder of mutton, the ribs and neck of a pig, breast and thighs (without drumsticks) of turkey and goose, leg and breast of a duck, and the wings, breast and back of game.

A young lady who lately received a bouquet of roses was somewhat amused to find the donor's visiting card attached to it, and written on the wrong side these words: "Not to exceed $2."

Sympathy.

Ask God to give thee skill
In comfort's art,
That thou may'st consecrated be.
And set apart
Unto a life of sympathy.
For heavy is the weight of ill
In every heart;
And comforters are needed much
Of Christ-like touch.

—*Miss A. E. Hamilton.*

"THROW UP YOUR HANDS."

Grove Kennedy kept the state of Kentucky at bay for nearly a year, depopulated a watering place, scared the governor out of his boots, laughed at life and bullied all the courts of the commonwealth for two years.

We saw him in Lancaster, a fine looking fellow of perhaps thirty-eight, with dark hair and beard and fine bright eyes, with a genuine humorous sparkle in them. He is a typical dangerous man. He comes of a family that kill. They die generally booted and armed. They came to Kentucky with Daniel Boone and owned 20,000 acres of garden land in this Eden of Kentucky. They began by killing Indians and have never got over it. Old Eb Kennedy was Grove's uncle and foster father. In 1877 they quarreled and had a law-suit. After old Eb had given his testimony in court he insulted Grove and walked out. Grove went calmly out on the balcony and as his uncle walked down the sidewalk drew a bead on the old man with a shot-gun and sent the whole case to a higher court. The whole charge went in behind the ear and generously came out all over the old man's countenance.

Grove was arrested without resistence and afterward escaped. For six months he was at large. The governor offered a large reward for the outlaw's capture. The reward was large enough to invite the approval of Geo. W. Hunter of Bardstown, popularly known as "Marshal" Hunter. Hunter is the coolest and most determined man in Kentucky, a small, square-jawed man, with quick, gray eyes and little hands that have a grip of iron. I asked Hunter once what was the secret of his success.

"Well," he said, "you always get the drop on a man, and if he don't do what you want, shoot."

Hunter disappeared from Bardstown after the reward had been offered for Kennedy. This was published and Kennedy at once disappeared from Crab Orchard. Then it was that all Kentucky awoke to the thrill of a man hunt. The pursued and pursuer left not a trace behind them. It was a match of courage and skill against courage and desperation, and the state waited for the result. Days and weeks rolled by and nothing was heard. One day in October, however, the rumor came that Grove Kennedy had been captured alive. Next day the state was aflame with news. Hunter had gone to Grove Kennedy's house and patiently waited for him to turn up. Secreted in the woods with some trusty followers, prepared to fight Kennedy and crowd, he never wearied.

One morning at daylight Hunter, sheltered behind the stable, saw the outlaw coming for his horse. They had never met. As Grove walked up, Hunter covered him with a revolver, and, stepping out from behind the corner of the stable, said quietly:

"Throw up your hands!"

"What?" asked the outlaw, as he paused and considered the prudence of reaching for his pistol.

"For your life!" answered Hunter, point blank.

"You are Marshal Hunter?" inquired Kennedy as coolly and calmly as the other.

"Yes."

"Then I surrender!"

The outlaw then devoted his energies to amusing himself with the law. He had half a dozen trials and convictions and kept the court of appeals busy reversing decisions and ordering new trials. The military had to be ordered out to protect the court. One day he called up a newspaper correspondent in court and quietly calling his attention to an error in the report said:

"If that ain't corrected, and fair reports sent out, I'll kill you as soon as I get out of here."

He was finally convicted in 1880 and had been in the penitentiary for about three years when pardoned. When he was first sent up he was very disobedient and troublesome, but that soon disappeared and he won his pardon for good behavior. He was sentenced for twenty-one years.

"Whisky was the cause of all my cussedness," said the released outlaw. "My uncle brought me up to fight any man that insulted me and to go armed. That was the cause of his death. But I have quit drinking liquor now, and if I get a chance am going to behave myself. I'm going West to settle either in Kansas or Missouri."—*Cor. Philadelphia Times.*

THE BROKER AND THE PARROT.

Mr. Travers, the New York stock broker, is a great stutterer. The story is told of him that, driving out on Long Island one day, he came to a farmer's house where there was a parrot.

"Pr-e-t-ty p-polly," said he. "c-e-e-can yon sp-speak?"

The parrot made no answer.

Mr. Travers then turned to the farmer, who was standing by, and addressed himself to him.

"I say, Peters, c-can your p-parrot talk!"

Before its master could make reply, the bird turned its listening ear and muttered out these startling words:

"If he couldn't talk better than you did, he'd have his blumed neck twisted off."

Sunday school teacher: "What has our lesson taught us?" Little boy: "That we must shun evil." Teacher: "But we are told that money is the root of all evil. Now what further does the lesson teach?" Little boy: "That we must shun the evil and grab the root."

DUCKING A BLOODHOUND.

As the boat was loading cotton-meal at Natchez, we saw a big bloodhound come down the street, walk aboard the wharf boat and stretch out in the sun for a nap. The talk at once turned upon dogs, and then upon this one in particular.

"That dog," said one of the passengers, "would no donbt kill any man whom he attacked."

This was followed by various yarns in regard to the strength and ferocity of bloodhounds, and then another passenger put in:

"I'll give any man a dozen good cigars who will go out there and wake that dog up and pat him on the head."

"A dozen cigars!" echoed another, "why, man, I wouldn't go out there and rouse him up for a $10 bill."

"Humph!" sneered a man who sat with his feet on the rail, a little way off, and who had come aboard as we landed.

"Maybe you want to wake up that dog!" hotly remarked the $10 man.

"I think I could."

"You do, eh?"

"I'll bet you $20 I dare throw him into the river!"

"Done! Done quicker than greased lightning!" shouted the other as he felt for his cash, and in a minute the money was up.

"Now, then, you are to walk down there, seize him by the collar and fling him into the river?"

"Exactly."

And he walked. Without betraying the least hesitation he went down the gang plank, marched up to the dog, and taking him by the collar, drew him up to the edge and dumped him off. The dog made no resistence and speedily swam around the bank and trotted off up the street.

We all felt completely flattened out, and after the stakes were given up and the winner had disappeared, I went over to the pilot, whose face wore a broad grin, and asked:

"Did you see it?"

"Yes."

"Didn't the dog have any grit?"

"Heaps of it; but if you had owned him for five years, and had played this same game fifty times on greenhorns, he wouldn't bite you, either."

SPIDER-LIFE WONDER.

The lecture in the Lowell Institute course by Prof. Wood dealt with the phenomena of spider-life. He began with a humorous account of the courtship of the spiders. The female is fiercer and much larger than the male. There is peril to the latter in paying his addresses. "Love me or die," is not a phrase of poetry or sentiment with the male spider, but is often a literal statement of the tragical fact, and his usual experience is that he loses some of his legs in the rebuffs which he receives. In one tribe of spiders the female is 13,000 times larger than the male. Accordingly, said the lecturer, there is never any occasion among them to hold woman's right conventions. The spider's thread is composed of immmerable small threads or fibers. One of these small threads has been estimated to be one two-millionth of the thickness of a hair. The spider spins three kinds of thread. One kind is of great strength, and of this radiating or spoke lines of the web are made. The cross lines, or what a sailor might call ratlins, are finer and are tenacious; that is, they have upon them little speaks of globules of very sticky gum. These speeks are put on with even interspaces. They are set quite thickly along the line, and are what in the first instances catch and hold the legs or wings of the fly. Once caught in this fashion, the prey is held secure by threads flung over it somewhat in the manner of a lasso. The third kind or silk is that which the spider throws out in a mass or flood, by which it suddenly envelopes any prey of which it sometimes afraid, as, for example, a wasp. A scientific experimenter once drew out from the body of a single spider 3,480 yards of thread or spider silk—a little short of three miles. Silk may be woven of spider's thread, and it is more glossy and brilliant than that of the silkworm, being of a golden color. An enthusiastic entomologist secured enough of it for the weaving of a suit of clothes for Louis XIV.

SUNDAY FISHING.

While in Boston Mr. Irving told this good story about the queen's loyal subjects in the Highlands:

On one occasion, shortly after a visit to her castle in the outskirts of Balmoral (blessed aptness!) Mr. Irving, who was traveling through the country, met an old Scotch woman with whom he spoke of her majesty. "The queen's a good woman," he said.

"I suppose she's gude enough, but there are things I canna bear."

"What do you mean?" asked Mr. Irving.

"Well, I think there are things that even the queen has no recht to do. For one thing, she goes rowing on the lak on Sooonday—and it's not a chreestian thing to do!"

"But you know the Bible tells us—"

"I knaw," she interrupted angrily; "I've read the Bible since I was so high, and I knaw every word in't. I knaw aboot the Sooonday fishing and a' the other things the good Lord did, but I want ye to knaw, too, that I don't think any the more, e'en of Him, for adoin' it.

"You should not have stayed away so long," she said in icy tones as her theatre escort slid into his seat ten minutes after the ring-up of the second act.

"Out? Er—Excuse me—I met my old friend Tom in the foyer, and—"

"Was Jerry there too?" was her artless interruption, as she tured her attention to the stage.

The trouble with the United States Navy is that it is a little too small for a navy, and a little too large for a boat club.—*Philadelphia Call.*

The Journal.

FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 25, 1884.

It is reported that somebody will give the state $4,000,000 for the Hoosac tunnel property. Let him have it, by all means.

John Jay Knox, comptroller of the currency for many years past, and an excellent official, has resigned, to take the presidency of a New York bank May 1st.

The state tax this year will be at least $2,000,000, and perhaps $3,000,000, thanks to Butler's "economy" in refusing to allow a tax of over $1,500,000 last year.

Connecticut Republicans send an uninstructed delegation to the Republican convention, though expressing the wish that Gen. Hawley might be brought forward as a candidate. The delegates will undoubtedly fall into line with the rest of New England—except Maine—for Edmunds.

Under the Blair educational bill the New England states will receive $5,365,000, divided as follows: Maine, $264,000; New Hampshire, $166,000; Vermont, $190,000; Massachusetts, $1,144,000; Rhode Island, $260,000; Connecticut, $340,000. Georgia will receive the largest amount of any state—$6,240,000.

The Republican convention at Chester, Wednesday, made choice of Henry S. Hyde of Springfield and L. L. Brown of Adams as delegates to the national convention, with C. N. Yeamens of Westfield and E. S. Wilkinson of North Adams as alternates. All are understood to be in favor of Edmunds as their first choice.

Ex-Councilor W. A. Tower of Lexington was on Wednesday elected by the Senate to fill the vacancy in the governor's council caused by the death of Charles R. McLean; but the House yesterday elected John H. Butler of Somerville to the vacancy, by a large vote, and it seems quite probable that he will get the office.

A bill has been reported in the Senate establishing three criminal terms of the superior court in Hampden county, instead of two as at present, and providing for "mixed" terms of the court in both this and Berkshire counties. The House has rejected the bill transferring divorce cases from the supreme to the superior court.

New York gave the Edmunds movement a strong impetus on Wednesday, the Republican convention at Utica electing four Edmunds delegates at large to the national convention. The delegation is a strong one, consisting of Andrew D. White, president of Cornell University, Assemblyman Theodore Roosevelt, Senator John I. Gilbert and Judge Edwin Packard of Brooklyn, their election being brought about by a union of the Arthur and Edmunds men to defeat Blaine, who expected to have two of the delegates and to dictate the others. The 72 delegates from that state are now all chosen, and stand, according to the New York *Tribune*, as follows: For Blaine, 29; Arthur, 25; Edmunds, 14; undecided, but against Arthur, 4. Allowing the *Tribune's* estimate to be correct, it is tolerably certain that the Arthur votes will go over to Edmunds in the convention, giving him a clear majority of the delegation from the Empire state. President Arthur must feel somewhat keenly the indifference of his own state to his candidacy, and if he has indulged in any hopes of a reëlection they must be pretty thoroughly dissipated by this time. He would do well to instruct his friends to forbid any further consideration of his name as a candidate.

THIS, THAT, AND THE OTHER.

"Now that the form is locked up, we'll go to press," the printer said, as he put his arm around his best girl.

They had loved but quarreled. He was obliged to call at the house with a message for her father, and she met him at the door. "I beg pardon, but will you give—" he began, but she stopped him short by saying, "It's perfectly useless; we never give to any one who begs." It broke him all up.

"Your sister tells me that you have begun painting," said he, anxious to keep up the conversation. "Did she? The hateful thing! I guess she'd better not say much, with her false hair and teeth and all. If she thinks she can give me away and I not get even with her, she's mistaken," was the answer which paralyzed him.

How dear to my heart are the scenes of last summer,
As often my thoughts reproduce them to view:
The gay boarding house in an up-country village,
And all the sweet damsels who gathered there, too.
The boats on the pond and the lilies beyond them,
The croquet and tennis ground out on the lawn,
But brighter than all to mind comes the mem'ry
Of that old linen duster I've since put in pawn.

That old linen duster, that dear linen duster;
That brown linen duster I've since put in pawn.

Beethoven was once met, during a heavy shower, by a friend who was unprotected from the elements. "Lend me your umbrella," sighed the latter. The great master at once composed the song, "Wait till the Clouds roll by."—*Musical Herald.*

The other chap, vexed at his conduct, determined to ride home, and wrote "Wait for the Wagon."—*Richmond Baton.*

And probably now they sing as a duet, "We never speak as we pass by."—*Stoughton Sentinel.*

Such coolness was too much for one of them and he died. Then the other wrote "See that my grave is kept green."—*Framingham Tribune.*

It was done, but the first flower was "Only a Pansy Blossom."

The drama "William Tell" was given at the Perkins institue for the blind at Boston last Tuesday evening, and repeated on Wednesday afternoon. The feature of a drama rendered by blind artists is a remarkable one, yet the play is said to have been rendered in a highly artistic manner.

An incendiary fire destroyed the Saganore cotton mill at Fall River last evening. When discovered the fire was burning briskly in three places among several hundred bales of cotton in the basement. By the fire 500 hands are thrown out of employment. The loss will be $600,000.

The fifteenth exhibition of the Massachusetts Charitable Mechanic Association will open at Boston next September, and will continue ten weeks.

The Fitch cotton mills near Norwich, Ct., were destroyed by fire Wednesday morning. The loss was $200,000.

LOCAL NOTICES.

New line of Jerseys, Spring Cloaks and Parasols at S. H. Hellyar & Co's.

Making faces and calling names is rather out of G. L. Hitchcock's line; but in selling larger quantities of finer grades and prettier patterns in all kinds of Paper Hangings at lower prices than any other dealer in this town ever dreamed of, he is at home. Don't forget it, and look particularly at his elegant borders.

PALMER AND VICINITY.

Flies are plenty.

Straw hats are out.

Linen coats next.

Got your garden plowed?

Soda fountains are being put in operation.

About time for the daily rounds of the ice cart.

Bonfires, for the consumption of old rubbish, abound.

How about those hens? Going to keep them shut up?

Rev. Mr. Hunt exchanges with Rev. Mr. Clark of Bondsville next Sabbath.

There will be preaching at the Four Corners next Sunday at 1 o'clock p. m.

Elder M. A. Potter of Worcester will preach at the Advent chapel next Sunday.

W. Winter is building a barn in the rear of his blacksmith shop on North Main street.

O. P. Allen has been carefully nursing an immense "Job's comforter," on the side of his face this week.

The pews at the Congregational church will be rented next Monday evening at half past seven o'clock.

Charles L. Gardner is raising his house on Church street some two feet, and will make other improvements.

Rev. L. McCollester of Tufts University College preached for Rev. Mr. Perry at St. Paul's church last Sabbath.

And now the small boy is sent out by his mother with a basket and case knife, in search of dandelions. Greens!

Strawberries have appeared in the city markets, although none have found their way among local dealers as yet.

A raid was made on the Nassowamo House yesterday morning in search of liquor, but not a drop was found.

James Dawson, who had a leg cut off on the New York & New England road some time ago, has returned to Palmer.

J. A. Squier is improving the looks of his Main street residence by treating the iron fence in front to a coat of paint.

It's an ill wind which blows no man good. The officers and police court will do a good business after the first of May.

Quite a number of the friends and parishioners of Rev. O. R. Hunt attended the sociable at his house on Tuesday evening.

Dr. Rugg is about to leave town, and will dispose of his household goods at auction Thursday, May 1st, at one o'clock p. m.

Pleasant street was treated to a dose of the road scraper yesterday, and other streets are being served the same way.

Thirty-two applications for licenses in this town, and eighteen of them in this village. Won't next year be a rum 'un, though?

Woolrich & Co. have put up some of the Betts ready-made wire fence at their food factory, and others in town are contemplating doing so.

He said he had only had two cigars and some sardines, but he couldn' sit up strai' 'f he tried, jus' same, at the depot Wednesday afternoon.

The Converse House has again changed hands, the new proprietors being Z. F. and F. M. Beverly of Adams, who took possession on Monday.

Minor Goddard of Hartford, formerly a clerk in Gibbons' shoe store in this place, has been arrested for stealing from his Hartford employers.

W. W. Cross of Brockton has contracted for the erection of a two-tenement house in the rear of Cross' Block on Main street. W. R. Madison will do the job.

The gas machine for the new depot is being put in place. It is expected that the building will be ready for occupancy about ——. Information wanted; $17.00 reward.

The Flynt Building and Construction Co. has the contract for the the erection of a large three-story building at Stafford Springs, Ct., and have commenced work on it.

There was a good attendance at the second annual ball of the Palmer Wire Workers last Friday evening, and a well-behaved company enjoyed themselves until a late hour.

The pipe which supplies the house of M. W. French with water from a spring on the hill across the river, burst yesterday morning between the N. L. N. and B. & A. tracks.

The presses in the Journal job rooms are at work on a lot of 150,000 labels for Woolrich & Co., and a lot of 100,000 large 4-page circulars for the Betts Ready-made Wire Fence Co.

S. J. Stone, formerly of the Mansion House in this place, but lately of Bristol, Ct., has leased the United States Hotel, at Worcester, and took possession on the 17th of this month.

When highway surveyors are appointed it is the aim—or should be—to get men of experience and judgment, who will *improve* the roads and streets. Has this been done in all cases? We should say not.

At the meeting of the Congregational church parish yesterday afternoon W. R. Milligan was chosen treasurer and collector, and Hubbard Lawrence, Geo. F. Brown and J. N. Lacey were chosen a parish committee.

J. N. Lacey's horse was seriously hurt on Sunday by getting loose and running against the barbed wire fence of the New London Northern Railroad. One hind leg was cut to the bone, and an artery severed.

At the meeting of the selectmen last Monday afternoon, protests were entered against only two of the applicants for licenses, these being John Moynahan and Michael Cunningham, both of South Main street.

Last year's inspection of the road-bed and tracks of the principal railroads of the country by P. H. Dudley and his dynograph car, showed that those of the Boston & Albany stood at the head, with the Pennsylvania road second.

A little five-years-old girl of this village who was recently taken on a visit to the state primary school and told that the children there had no papas or mammas, said on her return, "Oh, papa, there ain't any of those boys and girls got any papa or mamma. Where'd they come from, papa?"

The man who has been the object of more "cussing" this week than has been known in town for years before is the one who authorized the drawing of that sand upon Main street. If in the hereafter he has to answer for all the profanity he has caused in the past seven days, we pity him.

The lodge of Odd Fellows celebrate this evening at their rooms the 65th anniversary of Odd Fellowship in the United States. Miss Leach of New London is to read, there will be vocal and instrumental music and refreshments, the evening's entertainment winding up with a social dance in Union Hall.

Howorth's Hibernica was greeted with a full house at Wales Hall Wednesday evening, and gave a very satisfactory entertainment. The panorama, representing scenes in Ireland, was frequently met with applause, as many would recognize some spot familiar to them, and the variety portion was fully up to the average.

The annual May breakfast and dinner of the Congregational society will be given at the church vestry next Thursday. The splendid menu which is always offered at these times will no doubt attract a large number. There will also be tables for the disposal of fancy articles. Breakfast will be served from 7 to 9, and dinner from 12 to 1.30.

A ticket agent of this town went to Springfield one Sunday evening recently to see his "best girl," intending to return on the "owl" in the morning. Wearied with his long watching he went to sleep in the waiting room at Springfield, and when he awoke the train was gone. He came out on a freight train, and got here just in time to open the office for the "modoc" Monday morning.

It will be remembered that in 1881 the store of G. L. Hitchcock was entered and the safe broken open. Soon afterward a well-known "crook" was captured at Willimantic, Ct., while breaking into a store, and given three years in the state prison. As at that time circumstances indicated that he had a hand in the job here, the grand jury found a bill against him, and at the expiration of his sentence in Connecticut last week he was arrested and brought to Springfield, where he will be tried in May.

The long-talked-of morning express to Boston is to be put on two weeks from next Monday. The new train will leave Springfield about 9 a. m., arriving in Boston about noon. On the return trip, the train will be an accommodation, leaving Boston at 6 p. m. and reaching Springfield at 9.40. The "modoc's" time of leaving Boston will be one hour later than at present, 7 o'clock, and it will be made an express, thus making it surer of being on time. This will give our citizens a chance to reach home from the Hub at either 9.15, or 9.30 in the evening.

The engines of the Underhill pattern which the B. & A. company are running on some of its trains are claimed to be much better than those of other patterns. The one on the New York express which passes here about 8.30 p. m. recently made the run between Springfield and Charlton, 42 miles, in 58 minutes, and made two stops. And this, pulling seven cars up a continuous grade aggregating 800 feet. The road claims that one of these engines, consuming the same amount of coal, will pull as many freight cars in five trips as the others will in six.

Our town fathers will do the people of this village, and all others who pass through it, an inestimable favor if they will scrape up and remove the sand and stones which have been spread on Main and Church streets in the past two weeks. We cannot imagine what anybody was thinking of to cover a tolerably good piece of road with this stuff. Loaded teams get stalled in it, and the lightest wheels go nearly through it to the old roadbed, while the amount of dust raised by passing teams is intolerable. If this is "improvement," don't give us any more of it. The money expended in such improvements is worse than thrown away. Better a hundredfold the street as it was than this sand waste.

"Each license of the first, second and third classes shall be subject to the further condition that the licensee *shall not keep a public bar*, and shall hold a license as an innholder or common victualer." So says section 9, chapter 100 of the public statutes, and we trust the board of selectmen will bear this in mind when granting licenses for the coming year. There are 18 applicants for licenses from this village—more than one for every 100 residents. We have three hotels and three restaurants, but two of the latter do not apply for licenses. More than half of the remaining number will, if licensed, keep a public bar and nothing else, we venture to say, for nobody believes that this community can support ten or a dozen *bona fide* common victualers or innholders. And yet the law expressly stipulates that only such shall be licensed to sell liquors; and the selectmen are sworn to execute the laws faithfully.

DISTRICT COURT.

April 21.—Chas. Hathaway of Enfield was before the court on a charge of fraud, he having given two deeds to a farm owned by him. The matter was finally settled by Hathaway's paying costs of $44.33.

22.—A hearing was had in the case of liquors seized at the Monson House, Monson, and they were declared forfeited.

23.—Fred Rice, a traveling umbrella mender, for drunkenness was assessed $1, and costs of $3.83, which, however, he lacked, and now sojourneth in Springfield.

24.—Michael Donovan, for attempting to defraud the boarding house at Three Rivers was called upon to contribute $9.24, all told. As he had not the needful, he was sent up.

James Dwyer, Fred Hildreth and John Foley were each given six months in the house of correction for vagrancy.

AT THE RINK.

A goodly number visited the rink last Saturday evening and enjoyed a good time, the music by the band adding much to the enjoyment of the occasion. In the orange race for ladies there were three contestants—Misses Minnie Baker, Cora Leach and Jennie Eager. Each was given ten oranges to place in position on the floor and gather up again. The race was won by Miss Baker. A Mr. Conroy from Springfield gave a very good exhibition of fancy skating.

This evening the champions, Allison and O'Rourke, of Worcester, give another exhibition of fancy and trick skating, which will be sure to be witnessed by all who saw them when here two weeks ago, and doubtless many others.

To-morrow evening the band will be in attendance, and an orange race between beginners has been arranged, which will no doubt be very amusing. A two-mile race will also take place, and a good time for all is assured.

THORNDIKE.

A new physician, Dr. G. A. Lacerte, has settled here.

LUDLOW.

There are to be no preaching services at the Congregational church next Sabbath.

WALES.

It is said that the Valley mill has been leased by Mr. Lee, who has for some time been running the Wales mill, and that it will be in operation again soon.

HAMPDEN.

Edward A. Chase, of the Hartford Theological seminary and a graduate of the Amherst college class of '80, has received a unanimous call to the Congregational church here.

WEST BRIMFIELD.

An interesting running match took place Thursday morning near the depot, between three tramps and officers from Palmer, Officer Palmer acting as umpire. The officers won, and took the tramps back to Palmer, to finish sawing wood for their nights' lodging.

NORTH WILBRAHAM.

Frank E. Rice of Brookfield has taken a position with Cutler & Co.,

The Collins Paper Co. are laying the foundation and building a house for their engine, to be put into use during the dry season.

Frank Linehan, now pitching for the Holyokes, is gaining favor as one of the best amateur pitchers in the state. Kearney, his catcher, is temporarily disabled by a sore finger. When in condition they make one of the strongest batteries among the amateurs.

At the annual parish meeting of Grace chapel, $50 was appropriated, and the trustees instructed to obtain the services of the Methodist pastor, if at a convenient hour for the service. Until the past two years six o'clock has been the hour for evening service, and is most convenient for the village.

WEST WARREN.

Business seems a little slack at the tool shop.

No license does not mean no liquor in the village.

The S. of T. repeated the drama given last week, to a small audience, on Tuesday evening.

The ladies' social union held a sociable at the house of William Gegenheimer Wednesday evening.

Mill No. 4. is now making colored goods instead of white, and will employ its full number of hands in a few days.

E. C. & D. Buxton are progressing rapidly on their new house. At the present rate it will not be long before there will be a good chance for a house warming.

Query? Where has West Brimfield been all the spring that she does not know that the proprietor of a certain notorious barn in this vicinity, has returned from an involuntary vacation, spent in the county hotel at Worcester? Perhaps that may partly account for the "lager beer" business.

BELCHERTOWN.

Alanson Blackmer is making extensive repairs on his house on New street. It has added much to the improvement of the street.

The sum to be raised by subscription for a soldiers' monument has nearly been subscribed. A little less than $100 remains to be raised.

Dwight Fuller, the present proprietor of the Belcher House, is a warm-hearted, genial man, and the attention the traveling public receive at his house induces them to give him frequent visits. Nearly all the rooms at the hotel are engaged for the summer months.

Salem Fisher, one of the oldest residents in town, died at his home last Friday afternoon at the age of 89 years. He leaves a wife and nine children. He had been a member of the Congregational church over 60 years, uniting in 1814, a little previous to a large revival, when 107 joined the church; he is the last of that number, all the others having passed away. It has been 40 years since a death has occurred in his home. His four sons acted as pall bearers at his funeral, which took place from his late residence on Tuesday at 1 p. m.

BONDSVILLE.

Miss Ada Russell is at home on a short vacation.

Several of the children in this "Ville" are having the whooping cough.

There will be a Sabbath school concert at the M. E. church next Sunday evening.

J. N. Bourne has rented the Gould place at the lower village, and is to take possession soon.

Our highway surveyor has done a good job in removing those large stones from the walk between the villages.

Mrs. Samuel Parent has gone to South Framingham, whither she was summoned to the bedside of a sick brother.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Collis returned from Portsmouth, N. H., Tuesday, where they had been to attend the funeral of his brother's wife.

The walls of the Catholic church are being frescoed, and the interior otherwise improved. The outside will also receive a fresh coat of paint.

"Ye Gods" of the B. & A. R. R. were in town last week, looking at our depot. Have not heard what the result is, but hope we may have a new one.

The ladies' society held a sociable in the vestry of the M. E. church Wednesday afternoon and evening, which was a success. The supper was up to the standard, and the musical and literary part of the entertainment was well rendered and received.

WILBRAHAM.

The Willing Workers met with Miss Carrie Moody this week.

A baked bean sociable is to be held in Grace chapel this evening.

The property of Charles Edson was sold at public auction Thursday.

Elias Keyes has moved into Mrs. H. Wetherly's house on Main street this week.

Jason Butler refusing to serve as constable, Albert Jennings has been appointed in his place.

Mrs. Sarah Mears, who with her daughter, Mrs. Dr. Scofield, has been spending the winter in Florida, returned home yesterday.

The young people's dramatic club presented the drama "My Brother's Keeper," at the South church on Wednesday evening, netting about $20.

At Grace chapel last Sabbath, Rev. Mr. Howard preached a sermon commemorative of the 10th anniversary of the foundation of the Sunday school.

Mr. Stowell of Springfield street, has sold his place to John Markham for about $1000, and Mr. Stowell will buy the Alexander Whitney place at Ludlow.

The Wesleyan base base club defeated a nine from Ludlow in a well-played game last Saturday. To-morrow they will play with the Amherst high school nine at Amherst.

At the annual meeting of the Woodlawn Dell association the following officers were elected: President, R. R. Wright; vice president, Ira G. Potter; secretary and treasurer, John M. Merrick.

Dr. Webber, who succeeds Dr. Foskit, has opened an office in the William Merrick house on Main street this week. Dr. Webber fitted for college at the Brimfield academy, and graduated at the New York University Medical School four years ago. Since that time he has been practicing medicine in Brimfield.

WARREN.

Mr. Green is to open a new coal yard.

Wm. Barbank is to be the janitor of the town hall the present year.

The cornet band is to play at the fair of the Spencer band to-morrow evening.

One of the castings recently made at the Knowles pump company's works weighed seven tons.

The Blake Manufacturing Co. have presented the public library and reading room with $100 each.

The road commissioners have engaged L. C. Hill of Chicopee to lay the concrete walks this spring.

The stock of the Warren clothing company, which was damaged by smoke and water, is being sold out.

The school committee meet to-morrow to choose one to take the place of Rev. Mr. Sanderson, who has left town.

The ladies' home missionary society will reorganize immediately after the preparatory lecture next Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Demond has purchased the house occupied by John Avery, and he has commenced to build another on Southbridge street.

The selectmen are in session at their rooms in the town hall on the first and third Mondays of each month, for the transaction of business.

The Village Improvement Society have reorganized for the coming year, and as much work lies upon them it is hoped there will be many changes, which are much needed.

The ladies of the Universalist church held a mum sociable in Brigham's hall last evening. Supper was served by mutes, and a sale of Egyptian mummies, 2000 years old, took place.

At the Methodist church next Sunday morning E. A. Morse of Canton will speak on "Blessings of the gospel from a business stand-point." In the evening he will deliver a temperance lecture in the town hall.

A Republican caucus was held in Brigham's hall last evening, and Cutler Moore, E. F. Strickland and J. W. Chadsey were chosen delegates to the convention at Boston, and L. A. Powers, J. W. Tyler and E. F. Strickland to that at Worcester.

MONSON.

S. F. Cushman is putting in coal sheds at his West Branch mill.

Dr. Raud and wife are expected home from Europe in a few days.

The drama "Our Folks" is in preparation by some of the young people of the village.

The John P. Cady farm will be sold at auction on Tuesday next at 11 o'clock a. m.

Geo. H. Newton closes out a lot of merchandise, crockery, etc., at his auction rooms to-morrow evening.

Frank H. Johnson has bought the Beckwith farm on East Hill, and will probably try farming for a while.

Truman Watrous of Stafford has bought the Marriott homestead on North Main street, and contemplates removing thither.

Rev. Mr. Hammatt exchanges next Sunday with Rev. A. J. Patterson, D. D., of Boston, who will preach in Central Hall morning and evening.

There is a missionary concert at the Methodist church this evening, when much of interest regarding the different missionary countries will be presented.

The cornet band will furnish music at the Green's hall rink to-morrow evening. A good-sized company was in attendance at Wednesday evening's session.

Olive M. Horton has sold the Horton homestead and farm, and will close out the stock, farming tools, furniture, etc., at auction on Wednesday next at 10 a. m.

The price of arnica has gone up in the local market, and there is a scarcity of adhesive plaster. Cause—the Central Block druggist has bought a bicycle, and is learning to ride.

The soldiers' monument is fast nearing completion, and there should be a dedication of it either on Memorial Day or the 4th of July. Perhaps the former would be the most appropriate.

The graduation parts of the senior class at the academy have been assigned as follows: Salutatorian, Alice Morris; valedictorian, Grace Aldrich; class historian and prophet, G. S. Rollins.

Two of our young men went fishing Wednesday. One of them got the back of his neck terribly sunburned, and the nose of the other is a sight to behold from the same cause, while the fish were small and few.

It wouldn't be at all surprising if a nice granite watering trough and a neat park in connection with it should appear in some locality easterly of Ellis mill, which if "Pro bono Publico" the dear public will appreciate.

The Universalists hold a May festival at Central Hall Thursday evening, May 1st. "Mother Goose" and her relatives will be present. All are invited to see them. Ice cream will be on sale. A small admission will be charged.

One of our contractors, recently out on a drive through the country with his span, had occasion to go from Northfield to Greenfield. He had his wife with him, and as he drove up to the hotel at Greenfield and asked for a room, the landlord, noticing the stylish turn-out and general good looks of the couple, supposed it was a wedding party, and assigned them the bridal rooms. When Will found this out he told the landlord he had been married long enough to be satisfied with a common room. But the boys give him no peace, just the same.

It was several years ago, when the "Plymouth Rock," "Shanghai," "Brama," and other brands of fowl were food for discussion by hen fanciers, that he bought a splendid "Chanticleer, brought it home and put it in the pantry of an untenanted dwelling, informing only his uncle of the purchase, and promising him that the next morning he would show him as fine a specimen of that particular breed as had ever been exhibited. About 9 o'clock Sunday morning uncle and nephew visited the house, and on opening the pantry door the first object seen was a fresh laid egg, and the uncle laughingly upbraided the young man for trying to impose on him by representing that to be a rooster, but on seeing the fowl could not doubt the young man's statement, although the consternation on the young man's brow depicted an inward query how that rooster came to lay an egg, for no one knew of its being there, and there certainly was no other fowl on the premises. It was certainly foul play, and the many life-long friends of the late W. B. C. can imagine how he laughed and chuckled at the mysterious mystery which he could easily unravel.

WARE AND VICINITY.

How about the public pump? Almost time to start it?

Rev. H. Matthews will give a sermon on "The Pauline View of Total Abstinance."

A sad sight, the result of the liquor traffic, was witnessed on the streets Tuesday.

The boys are expecting a big time at the skating rink ball to-night. The rink is to be finely decorated.

S. A. Corser has discovered moulding sand for use in the foundry on his land which is superior to that brought from New York.

The work on the skating rink at Gilbertville is progressing rapidly, and it is hoped to have it ready for opening some time next week.

The board of health will be after those who do not comply with the regulations issued by the board on or before the 15th of May.

Mrs. McClanathan, who recently died, made no will, but requested that $100 of her estate should be given to the church at Ware Center, which has been done.

We have this week seen a copy of the *Buenos Ayres Herald*, edited by D. W. Love, formerly E. D. Winslow. It is a large 56-column paper, printed in English and Spanish.

Miss Janie Savage is to give a reading at the Congregational church in Gilbertville on Thursday evening, May 1st. No doubt many will go from Ware to hear her, as she is one of the best.

Marsh Brothers have fitted their old stove store into a commodious workshop, with a basement in which to keep their drain pipe. D. C. Marsh has been engaged as a tin worker in this town for about 39 years.

At a meeting of the East Congregational church last week it was voted to excommunicate Dr. John Yale. The charges were, in substance, illegal selling of intoxicating liquors, and violation of his agreement with the church in 1882.

Shakespeare's birthday was celebrated at the grammar school with compositions on Shakespeare, his life and writings. Prizes were offered, but so many were equally good that it was difficult to decide. Give all the good ones prizes, and don't try it again.

The alarm of fire Monday morning was on account of a small blaze in the house of Neal Gormley on Water street. The engine company were promptly on hand and the fire was extinguished with but about $200 damage, which was covered by insurance.

In the case of Thomas Corbit against M. M. Campbell last Friday for alleged trespass, the judge reserved his decision for two weeks. The defense was that Campbell owned a right of way. H. C. Davis was for the prosecution and C. L. Gardner of Palmer for the defense.

The crowds still attend the skating rink, to the neglect, evidently, of every other amusement. There has been music every evening this week, alternating the Cadet and the Cornet bands. The attraction for next week will be the Midgets of Providence, R. I., who will give exhibitions of fancy and trick skating on the evenings of the 28th, 29th and 30th. There will also be an exhibition Thursday afternoon and evening.

The dramatic entertainment, "The Lady of Lyons," at Music Hall Thursday evening, was not as largely attended as the playing deserved. The principal actors, Wm. F. Wilson and Miss Jessie Steward, were enthusiastically applauded, in response to which they came before the scenes to make their acknowledgements. The other parts by home talent were most of them well taken, and especially fine was the part of Madame Deschappelles, as portrayed by Miss Maud Stevenson.

The Ware Cornet Band have secured the engagement to play for J. W. Lawton Post, G.A.R., on Memorial day. They have again changed their musical director, having secured the services of James W. Bradley of Woonsocket, R. I., and with a large number of new selections of music we may expect a fine performance on that occasion. Geo. H. Goldsmith has been elected president in place of J. H. Cummings, resigned; Geo. Allard, Henry Smith and Geo. H. Goldsmith are the business committee for the ensuing year.

We clip the following in reference to the trial of Joseph C. Yale and Chas. H. Yale, from the *Franklin Sentinel* of last Saturday: "The case of the Yale brothers was called in the superior court at Dedham, Tuesday morning, April 15th. All the witnesses were on hand, but the Yales failed to put in an appearance. Capt. Packard was sent for them, but they could not be found, and as yet their whereabouts are unknown. They were defaulted on Wednesday, and the $5000 bonds must be surrendered. The father of the happy pair and Mrs. Yale's mother were bondsman and woman. Their counsel offered Miss Davis $500 this week to settle."

The Young Men's Christian Union of Boston has issued its ninth annual report of "Country week," the object of which is to send poor children from the cities into the country for a vacation of ten days or so in the summer months. Since 1875 there have been sent out 10,506 children, for an average of 13 days each; 2042 were sent out last year. Subscriptions for 1884 are now being received by Wm. H. Baldwin, 18 Boylston street, Boston.

The finest office building in the world is in process of erection in New York, being 180 feet square and 13 stories high. It will contain 200 offices of from one to six rooms, all supplied with steam heat, hot and cold water. The upper story will contain a restaurant, reading room, library, telegraph and telephone offices.

A severe earthquake shock, lasting several seconds, was felt in the eastern part of England on Tuesday morning. Houses were shaken, windows rattled and the church bells were rung, while chimneys and church spires were shaken down. A large amount of damage was done, and much alarm occasioned.

Salineville, O., a coal mining town, is much alarmed because the ground is cracking in many places, and buildings are sinking and becoming unsafe. The trouble is occasioned by the large amount of coal taken from the hill where the village stands.

The steamship Oregon of the Guion line arrived at New York last Saturday evening from Liverpool, having made the passage in 6 days, 10 hours and 30 minutes—the fastest time on record—beating the previous record by 11 hours and 10 minutes.

Tilden G. Abbott, the cashier of the Watertown bank who absconded with $70,000, was arrested at Pierce City, Mo., on Monday night. Abbott has been running a clothing store there for the past six weeks under the name of J. H. Foster.

The six-days' race between horses and bicyclists at San Francisco was finished last Saturday night. The bicyclists, John S. Prince and Miss Armundo, made 1073 miles, the best on record, beating the horses by a mile and a quarter.

A physician of Chelsea has filed a petition for a pension on the ground that while in the army he contracted a tendency to fatness. When he entered the service he weighed 200 pounds, but now tips the scales at 443.

The president of the Effington, Ill., bank, F. A. Von Gassey, left for parts unknown last Saturday night with all the money and securities he could collect. The loss is about $40,000, and the bank has closed its doors.

The city treasurer of Reading, Pa., was shot at on Tuesday by some unknown person, as he was standing at the window of his office. The bullet passed through the glass, but fortunately did not touch its mark.

A gunpowder factory in England is lighted by means of the electric light. The buildings are scattered over a territory of three miles, and the lights are arranged on poles so as to shine in at the windows.

A Bridgeport, Ct., man was fatally shot by a peddler who had called to collect payment on goods sold. He picked up a revolver which was lying on a table to examine it, when it was accidentally discharged.

The Washington mills at South Coventry, Ct., were burned on Tuesday night, the loss being about $150,000. The mills were manufacturing flannel dress goods, and had been running day and night.

Two men dropped a lighted cigar down the back of a farm laborer with whom they were riding at New Haven on Monday, and his clothes catching fire he was probably fatally burned.

A woman and her three children were seriously poisoned at Hyde Park on Sunday by eating canned tomatoes. The large quantity eaten, acting as an emetic, saved their lives.

Cashier E. A. Francis of Pittsfield was on Monday chosen to take the place of Congressman Rockwell on the Republican state central committee.

Springfield is to make an attempt to establish a coffee house in view of the no license vote. The scheme is worthy of unlimited success.

A Japanese waiter who shot and killed the proprietor of a restaurant at Ogden, Utah, last Saturday, was lynched the next day.

There were 1696 murders in this country in 1883, or 216 more than the year previous, yet the number of hangings was less.

On Tuesday evening the Holyoke aldermen granted 119 licenses and refused 49.

Holyoke voted on Monday, 503 to 11, in favor of creating a park commission.

Strong, the most enterprising shoe dealer in Springfield, offers 700 pairs of ladies' fine French kid button and silk-lace boots at $1.37 per pair. These boots are equal to any $5 boot ever offered in the city. 1000 pairs ladies' kid slippers, 87 cents. These prices are the lowest ever offered in Western Mass.

If you are looking for wall papers just read what Quimby, Dearborn & Pettigrew of Springfield say in another column. Also 172 pieces of crockery for $14.98.

Watches and Jewelry at Cost.—The public will have an unequaled opportunity to buy first-class watches, jewelry, etc., at cost, as D. F. Davison, 354 Main street, Springfield, offers his entire stock at cost for the remainder of this month. He says it will be no use to ask for these prices after the time expires, so you must buy now, or else pay retail prices.

How Harry Norton and His Bride Went to Housekeeping.

"Good morning, Mrs. Norton. What a pretty cottage—and housekeeping so soon?"

"Yes, Miss Eva; Harry and I wanted a home, if ever so humble. I read in the JOURNAL that we could get an outfit in Springfield by paying part down, and the rest in installments, so we visited the great housekeeping store of Metcalf & Luther (the only place where we could find everything we wanted.) We bought four carpets, two chamber sets, a sitting and dining room suite, crockery, mirrors, silver ware, and kitchen furniture,—the whole for $300. We paid $50 down, and the rest at $15 a month. Harry gets good wages and we can do it easily. They were very polite and showed us many articles, such as kerosene stoves, glass-ware, baskets, oil cloths, ladies' writing desks, hall racks, sofas, lounges, etc., which we did not buy. They had everything needed for housekeeping. We found their prices full as low as at other stores. But look at our new range."

Eva: "It's a beauty. Does it cook well?"

Mrs. Norton: "Yes; and it is very saving of fuel. It is called the "Honschold." They have sold hundreds of them, although it is a new pattern."

Eva: "That is a nice refrigerator. Did you buy it of them?"

Mrs. Norton: "Yes. It is the "Diamond." We got it for $15, and it's just lovely. It keeps ice so long and the food is so sweet in it."

Eva: "What a pretty carpet this is!"

Mrs. Norton: "Yes, and cheap, too; a first quality ingrain and only 72½ cents. They had elegant body Brussels and tapestries for 90 cents. This carpet was from a bankrupt sale in New York, and Metcalf & Luther let us have it 25 per cent under price at other stores."

Eva: "Your curtains are very tasty."

Mrs. Norton: "Yes; we got them there, too. They have a very large stock and the greatest variety I ever saw. Their spring fixtures are the best made. See, the curtain goes up itself. Here is our carpet sweeper, the "New Model," the best, and kept by Metcalf & Luther, too. But you must go up stairs."

Eva: "Oh! what pretty chamber sets; light finish is very fashionable now."

Mrs. Norton: "Yes, a neat ash set is good enough for Harry and I. We got both sets for less than $75.

Eva: "Well, you did get a bargain. I was in Hartford last week, and they asked me $50 for an ash set, no better than yours. You ought to be happy in so cosy a home, furnished for so little money."

Mrs. Norton: "Yes, we are happy, and I hope you may soon have as snug a little home of your own."

Eva: "I'll tell you a secret. I am to be married in three weeks, and I shall tell John about this Metcalf & Luther store, and we'll get our outfit like yours and go to housekeeping at once."

Mrs. Norton: "I congratulate you on your bright prospects, and hope you will take a trip to see Metcalf & Luther. You will find them opposite Court Square, and they will show you the largest stock of housekeeping goods you ever saw. Good morning."—*From the Household.* 4w3

Free to All. Standing Offer.—All who buy Rice & Co's Eclectic Liniment for Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Headache, and all pain, and are not cured when directions are followed, are entitled to fifty cents. Motto—No cure no pay. For sale at C. E. Blood's Drug Store, Ware. 9

A fact: That Fay's Shoe Store has the largest stock of fine and medium boots and shoes in Springfield. 8w2

Formula for Rice & Co's Eclectic Pills.—May apple, ext dandelion, rhubarb, ext aloes and colocynth comp, and oil anise. Price 25 cents. Gelatine coated. Liver and malarial diseases cannot exist where these pills are taken. (No griping.) Price 25 cents. For sale by Geo. L. Hitchcock, Palmer. 9

O, Ye of Little Faith!—Rice & Co's Eclectic Liniment works like magic in the cure and certain relief of rheumatism, neuralgia, headache, croup, etc. Motto—No cure, no pay. For sale by G. L. Keeney, Druggist and Stationer, Monson. 9

"A god-send is Ely's Cream Balm," writes Mrs. M. A. Jackson of Portsmouth, N. H. "I had catarrh for three years! Two or three times a week my nose would bleed. I thought the sores would never heal. Your balm has cured me."

I have greatly improved since using Ely's Cream Balm for Catarrh. I feel like a new man. It is a blessing to humanity.—John D. Farrell, Hartford, Conn. 2w4

HOUSE KEEPING.—While in Boston it will interest one to visit the warerooms of Paine's Furniture Manufacturing Co., 48 Canal street, or send to them for their new book of designs of furniture now in factory. They have a very large assortment of parlor and dining room suits, live geese feathers, hair mattresses, spring beds, lounges, rattan and cane chairs at wholesale and manufacturers' prices.

O. P. Allen and O. J. Winslow guarantee positive relief for any cough, cold, croup, or lung complaint by using Acker's English Remedy, or will refund the money. cow ly 52

Ask O. P. Allen and O. J. Winslow about Acker's Blood Elixer, the only preparation guaranteed to cleanse the blood and remove all chronic diseases cow ly 52

O. P. Allen and O. J. Winslow wish it known that they guarantee Acker's Dyspepsia Tablets to be the best remedy for indigestion ever made, they always relieve headache. cow ly 52

Oh, how beautiful it makes the complexion! For eruptions, Lady Camelia's Secret of Beauty is superior to soap or liniments. Price 50 cents. At Allen's Pharmacy. (3) 4w37

Buckien's Arnica Salve.

The greatest medical wonder of the world. Warranted to speedily cure Burns, Bruises, Cuts, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Cancers, Piles Chilblains, Corns, Tetter, Chapped Hands, and all skin eruptions, guaranteed to cure in every instance or money refunded. 25 cents per box. For sale by G. L. Hitchcock. 1y52

A Great Surprise

Is in store for all who use Kemp's Balsam for the throat and lungs, the great guaranteed remedy. Would you believe that it is sold on its merits, and that each druggist is authorized to refund your money by the proprietor of this wonderful remedy if it fails to cure you? O. P. Allen has secured the agency for it. Price 50 cents and $1. Trial size free. 1y16eow

A Sensible Man Would Use

Kemp's Balsam for the Throat and Lungs. It is curing more cases of Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Bronchitis, Croup, and all throat and lung troubles, than any other medicine. The proprietor has authorized O. P. Allen to refund your money, if, after taking three-fourths of a bottle, relief is not obtained. Price 50 cents and One Dollar. Trial size free. 1y16eow

Cause and Effect.

At times symptoms of indigestion are present, uneasiness of the stomach, &c., a moisture like perspiration, producing itching at night, or when one is warm, cause the Piles. The effect is immediate relief upon the application of Dr. Bosanko's Pile Remedy, 50 cents, sold by G. L. Hitchcock, Palmer, G. L. Keeney, Monson, and C. E. Blood, Ware. cow16

Want of Faith.

If G. L. Hitchcock, Palmer, G. L. Keeney, Monson, and C. E. Blood, Ware, the druggists, do not succeed it is not for want of faith. They have such faith in Dr. Bosanko's Cough and Lung Syrup as a remedy for coughs, colds, consumption and lung affections, that they will give a bottle free to each and every one who is in need of a medicine of this kind. cow16

Excited Thousands

All over the land are going into ecstacy over Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. Their unlooked for recovery by the timely use of this great life-saving remedy, causes them to go nearly wild in its praise. It is guaranteed to positively cure Severe Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Hay Fever, Bronchitis, Hoarseness, Loss of Voice, or any affection of the Throat and Lungs. Trial Bottles free at Geo. L. Hitchcock's Drug Store. Large size $1. 2

Thousands are daily having freckles removed by a trial of Lady Camella's Secret of Beauty. Price 50 cents, at Allen's Pharmacy. 1 4w y29

BORN.

At Wilbraham, 19th, a son to HENRY WYNN.

MARRIED.

At Palmer, 24th, by Rev. O. R. Hunt, HENRY GRIGWARE and JOSEPHINE TAYLOR, both of Three Rivers.

DIED.

At Monson, 19th, LOEL STERRINS, 75.
At Belchertown, 20th, SALEM B. FISHER, 83.
At West Stafford, Ct., 14th, GARDNER S. DAVIS, 50.

TO LET.—A pleasant lodging room, suitable for two, at Mrs. WILLARD'S, Foster ave. 2w4*

LOST.—On the highway, near the house of Mr. John Breckenridge, on the evening of April 22 inst., a large full-blood Plymouth Rock rooster, and whoever will arrest said runaway and return him to the owner will be suitably rewarded. Palmer, April 23, 1884. A. V. BLANCHARD.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

PALMER, Apr. 15, 1884.

Notice is hereby given under Chapter 100 of the public statutes that Z. F. Beverly and F. M. Beverly have applied for a license, to sell intoxicating liquors, of the first and fourth class, as innholders, to be exercised at the Converse House, on the easterly side of North Main street, in said Palmer.

D. B. BISHOP, Chairman.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

PALMER, Apr. 15, 1884.

Notice is hereby given under Chapter 100 of the public statutes that G. L. Hitchcock has applied for a license of the fourth class to sell intoxicating liquors of any kind, as a druggist, for medicinal, mechanical and chemical purposes, at his drug store, No. 37 Main street, in said Palmer.

D. B. BISHOP, Chairman.

NOTICE!

The Selectmen of Palmer hereby give notice that all who will be granted a license for the sale of intoxicating liquors for the year ensuing will be required to have their *Bonds* ready, and to take their license and pay for the same, on or before the fifth day of May next.

D. B. BISHOP, Chairman.

April 25th, 1884. 2w4

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" "	FORKS,	3.87	"
" "	KNIVES,	2.90	"
" "	CASTORS,	2.49	each
" "	CAKE BASKETS,	2.37	"
Ebony and Gold HANGING LAMPS,		2.49	"
Polished Brass "	"	3.25	"

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FROM $5.00 to $20.00.

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A JOB LOT of 5 GROSS SIX-QUART MILK PANS (pressed) at $1.00 PER DOZEN.

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Nice Ranges at $10.00.

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C. A. BROWN & CO.

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ASSESSORS' NOTICE.

To the Inhabitants and Other Persons liable to pay taxes in the Town of Palmer:

The assessors of the Town of Palmer hereby give notice to the inhabitants of said town, and all other persons liable to pay taxes therein, that they will receive on and after the first day of May inst., until and including the 20th day of May inst., the valuation of estates, and all persons liable to be taxed in said town, are hereby to bring in to us true and perfect lists of all Polls, (males twenty years old and upwards) and schedules and estimates of the personal estates for which they are liable to pay taxes in said town, possessed by them on the first day of May next.

MORTGAGED REAL ESTATE.

Any Mortgagor or Mortgagee of Real Estate, may bring in to the Assessors of this Town where the real estate lies, within the time specified in this notice, a statement under oath, of the amount due on each separate lot or parcel of such real estate, and the name and residence of every holder of an interest therein as a mortgagee or mortgagor. When such property is situated in two or more places, or when a recorded mortgage includes for one sum two or more estates, or parts of an estate, an estimate of the amount of the mortgagee's interest in each estate or part of an estate shall be given in such statement. (Chap. 175 of the Acts of 1882.) When a statement in conformity with the law above quoted is brought in, the real estate therein returned will be assessed under sections 14, 15 and 16 of Chap. of 11the Public Statutes. But in cases where the mortgagor of the real estate has agreed in writing to pay all taxes assessed thereon, no statement or return is required from either mortgagee or mortgagor unless requested by the assessors in writing. The assessors will be at the Town House on the first day of May to receive lists as above required; after that date, including the 20th, lists may be handed to either of the assessors.

JOHN CLOUGH, DAVID KNOX, D. B. BISHOP, } Assessors of Palmer.

Palmer, April 15th, 1884.

STALLION DONALD,

English druft (with pedigree) will stand at the stable of G. W. Keith, Thorndike, Mass., for the season of 1884.

Donald is black, of beautiful proportions; is 17 hands high; weighs 1450. 3m3*

TO RENT.

A barn on the corner of School and Park streets. Inquire on the premises. W. W. CONVERSE. 3w3*

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AS THE MARKETS AFFORD.

WE RESPECTFULLY ASK A COMPARISON OF OUR GOODS AND PRICES.

J. B. SHAW.

Palmer, April 21, 1884.

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE.

By virtue of a license from the probate court, I, J. M. Lyon of Wales, Mass., administrator, with the will annexed, of the estate of Alvin Colburn, late of said Wales, deceased, will sell at public auction, on the premises, on Monday, the 28th day of April next, at 10 o'clock a. m., the following real estate: The home farm of said Alvin Colburn, situated in said Wales, containing 100 acres, more or less, bounded north by land now or formerly of Jos. U. Royce, Jr., and in part by the highway; east by land now belonging to said estate and Samuel B. Perry, south by land of Samuel B. Perry and Isaiah Hiscock, and west by land of said Joseph U. Royce, Jr. The sale will be made subject to any rights of way over the land. Terms cash. At 11 o'clock a. m. on said day, on the premises, following, I shall sell at public auction certain real estate belonging to said estate, known as the "Royce place," situated partly in said Wales and partly in the town of Holland, bounded north by land of the Needham heirs, east by the "Kenny lot" owned by said estate, south by land of Isaiah Hiscock and land of Samuel B. Perry, and west by the home farm of Alvin Colburn's heirs. Terms, cash. Both sales will be subject to the taxes for 1884.

Wales, Apr. 8th, 1884. 3w2 J. M. LYON.

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Where I Love, I Love Forever.

She was a blithesome maid who sang,
Close by the cottage window sitting;
Sweet and clear were the notes that rang
Out on the air where the birds were flitting;
Merrily, merrily sang the birds,
But none could exactly guess their words,
While the maid so clever,
And blushing never,
Sang "Where I love, I love forever!"

He was a youth just passing by
While the maid was singing, oh, so sweetly!
Who to the garden gate drew nigh
And listened there, entranced completely;
For the sound of a voice so sweet and clear
Was rapturous music to his ear,
And he said "Ah, never
Would I wish to sever
From one who loves, and loves forever!"

The maiden smiled on her lover's suit,
When at her feet he made confession;
Her eyes were bright, but her voice was mute,
When she gave her heart into his possession.
But now together their lives are set,
They sing in unison this duet:
"We'll dissever
Never—never!
For where we love, we love forever!"

FOOTSTEPS.

Whatever footprints may by great men be left upon the fickle sand of time until a wave from the sea of oblivion blot them out, are marked by characteristics which are fondly supposed to arise from the natural characteristics of the honored feet which make them; while as a matter of fact these impressions, like those upon actual sea beaches, are more exact representations of the shape of the conventional boot than of the member it defends and incloses. The leather of prunella with which convention or convenience clothes the foot, takes from footprints almost all trace of individuality, but from the footstep nothing short of the severest physical accident can remove its destinctive character. He is an extremely well-trained actor who can habitually disguise his walk, and even when the general gait is carefully changed, the tell-tale step goes on with its persistent and implacable revelation of character.

It is perhaps strange that detective science has not made more use of the step as a means of discovery and identification, or more exactly, it would be strange were not detective science still in so crude and unpromising an infancy. The step is even more difficult to disguise than the hand, a manner being always more persistent in its qualities than a physical peculiarity, and although the hand retains its personality long after the face has altered beyond recognition, the last tell-tale traces of what a man has been are more apt to linger longest in his manner of walking.

The observant man knows his acquaintances as perfectly and as quickly by the sound of their footsteps as by the sight of their faces, and that this is not true of us all is one of the numerous results of our failure to develop our faculties. There is no reason why we should find it necessary to look up to identify any friend whose approaching steps we have heard, beyond the fact that we have neglected intelligently and carefully to train our ears.—*Boston Courier.*

A HERON'S STRENGTH.

A few weeks ago Col. William E. Sisty, the fish commissioner of Colorado, went to the state fish-hatchery on the Platte river, nine miles from Denver. While he was inspecting the hatchery he saw a large blue heron preying upon the young fish in the box. He approached the heron, expecting that the bird would take alarm and fly; but the heron attacked him furiously. The bird was fully as tall as Col. Sisty, and was so very swift that he was upon the man in what seemed an instant. He used his neck with lightning-like rapidity, striking all the time at Col. Sisty's face. Col. Sisty was unable to do more at first than protect his eyes, and the blows rained upon his hands left them bleeding. His face was also cut in places, for the bird was quicker with his bill than the man was with his hands.

After the surprise was over Col. Sisty prepared to assume the offensive. Protecting his face with his hat, he rushed in upon the huge heron, seized the creature by the body, and hurled him to the ground. Then the struggle was soon decided, for Col. Sisty grasped the heron's neck and held on until his enemy was choked to death. The heron was taken to Denver and exhibited to hundreds of people who soon learned of the fish commissioner's exploit.—*Western Letter.*

UNCLE ESEK'S WISDOM.

A very stubborn man is often wrong, but seldom dishonest.

A crank is a fool, with more brains than he knows what to do with.

The man who is always anxious to take the chances invariably takes one chance too many.

Take all the luck there is in the world and you couldn't make half a dozen genuine successes out of it.

There are plenty of people who know how to make money, and how to waste it, but few know how to spend it.

The symptoms of patience and laziness are so near alike that it would bother many people to tell which disease they have the most of.

There is nothing that shows strength of character more than eccentricity if it is natural, and nothing that shows weakness more if it is artificial.

Just what the country wants the most just now is less religion and more piety, less advice and more example, less politics and more patriotism, and less pedigree and more pluck.

TIRING HIM OUT.

Mamma—"I met young Mr. Nicefellow on the street to-day and told him frankly that although he was welcome to come to see you he should remember that you were young and needed plenty of sleep, and he therefore ought not to stay so late."

Nellie—"And what did he say?"

Mamma—"He shocked me awfully by insisting that you keep him from going."

Nellie—"Oh, the great big story teller! I tried my best to tire him out so that he would go home."

Mamma—"Tried to tire him out! Why, how?"

Nellie—"By sitting in his lap."—*Philadelphia Call.*

A Rhode Island editor was paralyzed while out driving in his carriage. The fact that he owned a carriage has paralyzed all the other editors.

A "FALLS ROUTE" AT LAST.

There never yet has been, accurately speaking, a Niagara Falls route between the East and West. There never yet has been a route by which the man from Kalamazoo, going back to see the folks "deown in Maine," could get a fair look at Niagara Falls from his train. We select the man from Kalamazoo for an illustration, not because we have any ill-will for the Gem City of Michigan? but because that euphoniously-named cross-roads happens to be situated on the Michigan Central Railroad.

The Michigan Central is not the only road that has advertised all these years—ever since the Suspension Bridge was opened—to be the great and only Niagara Falls route. The public—up around Kalamazoo and Oshkosh, and thereabouts—is a confinding public. It buys its tickets for its annual Eastern trip "by the great Niagara Falls route," and starts for the East in happy anticipation of a view of the Falls that shall equal the pictures and descriptions which adorn the schedules of "the great Niagara Falls route." But, when it gets to Niagara River and finds that the only view of the Falls it has is a most unsatisfactory glimpse from a point a mile and a half down stream, little wonder that it feels its confidence has been abused, and that it comes a unanimous verdict that Niagara Falls ain't no great shakes anyhow.

But at last the Michigan Central Railroad Company opens a through East and West route which is honestly a Niagara Falls route, and which gives the tourist such full and leisurely opportunities to see Niagara Falls—without once leaving his seat—that a generous public may well accept the new provisions as ample atonement for all previous shortcomings. By the new route the traveler is not simply given a distant and obscure view of the Falls. He is taken down the river on the New York side. From Buffalo to Tonawanda he rides, much of the way along the river bank, and can study the force and sweep of the great current. Then as he rides along, he has a full view of the two great arms of the river that encompass Grand Island. Just before he reaches Niagara Falls village he can see the first break of the river into the upper rapids. He crosses the stream by the new cantilever bridge, and has a general view of the Falls which is better than that heretofore obtained from the old bridge, because it is a nearer view. Then he skirts along above the Canadian bank until "Falls View" is reached. This point of observation has heretofore been reached only by the Niagara City branch of the Canadian Southern. It has not been on the East and West route at all. Now all through trains stop at "Falls View" which is really one of the finest views of the Falls anywhere to be had.

Certainly such a route may be honestly called a "Niagara Falls route," and the traveling public cannot be long in finding out the genuineness of its attractions. It only remains to add that by the new route, no through Michigan Central trains go directly East from the Falls, but come to Buffalo, thus securing the advantage of all the city connections and at the same time making fast schedule time on the through route.—*Buffalo Express.*

CUT LOAF SUGAR AND CUBES.

A correspondent asks the difference between the sugar which is sold in apparantly smoothly-cut lumps and the other white sugar, the lumps of which are somewhat rough on their surfaces. The difference is considerable, and the latter, which is pure loaf sugar cut into lumps, always commands a higher price in the wholesale market, and cannot be adulterated. It is called in the market "cut loaf." The former quality of sugar is what is known as "cubes." The cut-loaf sugar is made in lumps of 50 pounds out of cane sugar, and sawed into slabs, and these slabs are partly cut through and partly broken. It is easy to distinguish the marks of cutting and breaking on each lump. The cube sugar is made of soft sugar and pressed in molds, which give the smooth appearance. The cut-loaf sugar will keep its shape in any climate, and is suitable for shipment. The cube sugar will sometimes on a sea voyage resume the consisteney of the soft sugar, and the change of form is due to adulteration.

The safest sugar for any one to buy is pure loaf sugar, and it is much sweeter than any other. The principal substance used in adulterating sugar is glucose, which is sugar made from various vegetable substances, chiefly grain. While glucose is sweet, it is easily detected by the expert because it is not so sweet as grape sugar. It is, nevertheless, very extensively used to adulterate cane sugar and produce the cheap sugars which are sold in the market. Reputable dealers sell it as glucose, but there are many dealers who sell glucose for sugar. The nature of the glucose is to make a close, sticky sugar; it does not produce grains, like cane.

The polariscope readily exposes any adulteration of sugar, but there is need of some ready household test by which housekeepers who cannot afford a polariscope can tell whether they are buying cane sugar or glucose. The glucose is not harmful as food, but its sweetening properties are limited. The official test of loaf sugar is 100 per cent. Other refined sugars in lumps do not always reach that test. At present the precise form of the genuine cut loaf sugar has not yet been counterfeited.—*New York Sun.*

In all your expenditures there ought to be consultation. Do not dole out money to your wife as though she were a beggar. Let her know how much you have or how little. Appeal to her intelligent judgment and she will be content, and your own disposition will not be irritated. As long as you keep a mystery about your business matters she will wonder that the allowance is so small. No honorable woman wants to spend more money than can be afforded. Come into consultation with her on this matter.—*Rev. Dr. Talmage.*

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